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An Afternoon with Walt Whitman

By Jean Perry

"I celebrate myself and sing myself,
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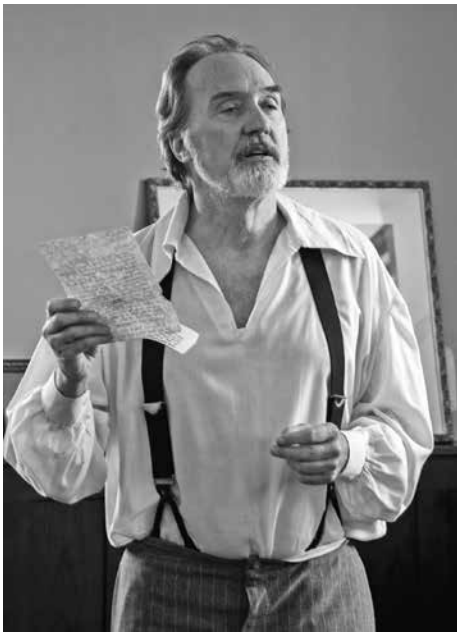
For every atom belonging to me as good belongs to you."

The words of "America's poet" rang out inside the Mattapoisett Library hall on April 19 as never before. Each syllable of every poem fresh and green within *Leaves of Grass* dripping wet from the mouth of Walt Whitman – new life breathed into each word by Stephen Collins, actor and re-creator of the past made present for an audience that delighted in the afternoon setting of May 31, 1889, Whitman's 70th birthday.

Before them stood Whitman in a long black overcoat, round-rimmed felt hat and cane. A limp, a cough, and a "howdy' do," as he looked around piles of books in confusion and urgency seeking his friend Horace's black notebook. Within this notebook were the diligent recordings of conversations incorporated into the script "Unlaunch'd Voices: An Evening with Walt Whitman,"written by Michael Keamy and inspired by Collins' portrayal of Whitman.

A smile, another "howdy' do"…



On the Cover: Stephen Collins, portraying America's poet Walt Whitman, entertains guests at the Mattapoisett Public Library on April 19. Collins bases his one-man performance on a script written by Michael Z. Keamy titled "Unlaunch'd Voices: An Evening with Walt Whitman." Photo by Felix Perez

"How-dy-do. Ain't that a good word? It has phonetic significance … a truly American greeting. It rolls off the tongue more readily than 'good evening,' don't you think?"

At that, the audience is invited into the mind of Whitman as he stands in his study, bent and leaning upon his cane, clenched fingers punctuating his every idea beginning with the introduction of his most famous work, *Leaves of Grass,* and the perceived failure of his book of poems, evidenced by folded, yellowing papers containing reviews of the work by offended and unmoved critics.

In retrospect of his earlier life, Whitman in his frail physical state takes us into a room within his heart, offers us a seat in there, and tricks us into thinking the experience real. The ensuing hypnotic swirl of dialog weaves within it poetry and prose and makes us unaware of the shift like the transition into a dream state where nothing is questioned and time loses meaning.

Collins by now had convinced us all to assume ourselves witnesses of Whitman's memories of torment, youthful unrest, the celebration of life and human flesh. He talks of a mystical experience in nature that forced Whitman into the throes of a creative whirlwind that became his *Leaves of Grass,* hailed by Ralph Waldo Emerson as "the most extraordinary piece of wit and wisdom America has yet contributed."

Within that whirlwind of thoughtful dialog intermingled with poetry, the arched backbone appears straightened as Whitman's overcoat is removed and tossed off. Loose fingers unbutton the dress vest to reveal a disheveled open-chested white shirt. Whitman, looking wild and larger than life, then dug his youthful heels into the poem "Song of Myself" that broke new ground in 1855

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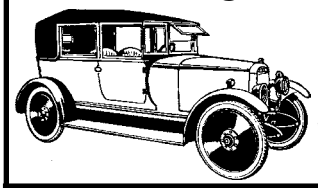

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with its sexual straightforwardness, and celebration of the sacrosanctity of the physical, the savage, and nature.

Was it Whitman's words alone or was it the deliverance that likely led some of us to resist squirming in our seats during the explicit verses of the poem "Children of Adam" that describes the female form "too fully," as Emerson thought.

"Lost in the cleave of the clasping and sweet-flesh'd day…"

Impassioned words brought forth moments of a man on his knees as if begging for mercy from his own creation, clenched fists, and arms locking his own chest in an embrace.

"I am he that knows the pain of unrequited love," shouts the man between verses of the poem. "Agonies are one of my changes of garments … Yet out of that I have written these songs…"

Act Two comes on with the warning of war, a time that left on him the imprints of mortality, morality, and "the most real work of my life," read from a letter written by Whitman to his mother.

The dialog slows after a series of letters, and the man pauses and looks into the collective eyes of the audience.

"Have you seen someone die? Have you had the privilege? I have. Hundreds of times."

Collins slowly walks to retrieve his overcoat, hat, and cane and returns to the frailty of Whitman's

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70-year-old self. He moves again into poetry seamlessly and without hesitation and winds down into the verses of *Leaves of Grass* again:

"I am the poet of death as the poet of life. / I welcome you."

A copy of *Leaves of Grass* in hand, the old man offers us one last moment of Whitman's rebirth and own words channeled through Collins' body:

"Love the earth and sun and the animals, despise riches, give alms to everyone that asks, stand up for the stupid and crazy … take off your hat to nothing known or unknown or to any man … go freely with powerful uneducated persons and the young … read these leaves in open air every season of every year of your life … and your very flesh shall be a great poem … not only in its words but in the silent lines of its lips and face … and in every motion and joint of your body."

At that, he discovers Horace's notebook, acknowledges his "gabbing and loitering," and bids farewell to the people waking up from reverie and leaves us, reciting a few more precious verses before he retreats

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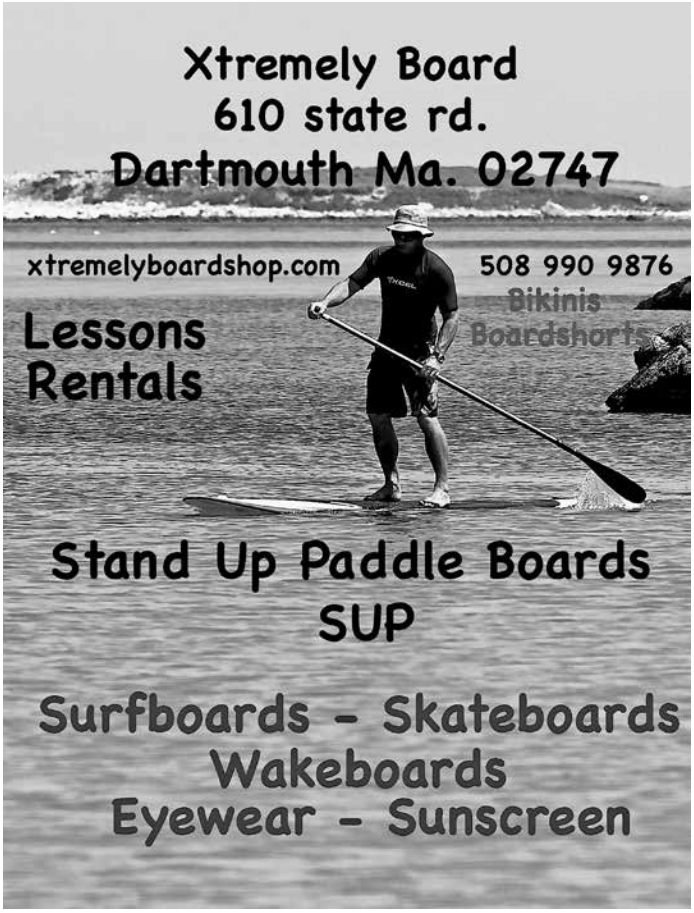

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into his own transience.

Collins the actor is welcomed back with a lengthy applause from the audience he thanked and deemed acutely attentive and appreciative, which is what fuels a great performance such as this one, he said.

"I've been doing this for a long time and I still get nauseous for the first few minutes," said Collins, who also performs several other one-man performances portraying other greats such as William Shakespeare. "I wake up everyday … and work at finding beauty in this life and work at being grateful," said Collins. "I'm grateful every day. I'm grateful that I'm not a salesman."

Collins said 90 percent of Keamy's script that he recites is of Whitman's own words, either through poetry or via Horace's written recordings.

How does he remember the entire text for a lengthy solo performance such as this, someone asked.

"On the way down here, I went over this entire show in my head," said Collins. Every now and then, he said, he tells himself, "Ok, it's time to re-cement my mind," which he usually follows-up on while running for exercise. "Once it's hard-wired, once it's in there, pulling it out of your memory bank isn't a problem."

And as for his portrayal of Walt Whitman, Collins said, "I have a pretty good sense of who he was." Collins said he himself has spent some time in nature and has visited some of the same places Whitman once did.

"I love it," said Collins of his work bringing to life great men from the past. "I absolutely love it."

One More Day…

By Jean Perry

Clang, clang, clang! It's one more day of waking up to the unmelodious clatter of train engines chugging along some tracks in Anytown, USA coming from

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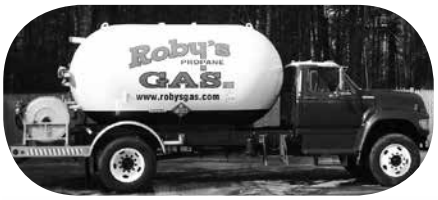

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YouTube on the computer downstairs. Every weekday in the hours before school and then after school until bedtime, there is the sound of a perpetual train running through the railroad crossing that is my house. But Diego loves it and he loves it loud. I smile. I get up for one more day.

It's a normal day in the life of an autistic child and his mother. Okay, that child is mine and that mother is me. Having said that, "normal" in our house is limited to a setting on the dishwasher. A series of one-more-days makes up our everyday life – a Celeste pizza for Diego at every meal. There's the morning get-ready-for-school routine and the bolus feeding of supplemental formula through Diego's g-tube morning and night. There are the thousand unsolicited hugs and kisses. The sarcastic remarks I might make that Diego "gets" and maybe even laughs at. There's all that repetitive perseveration of questions answered over and over with patience – a commodity around here that only living one more day after one more day can procure.

One more day sounds somewhat pessimistic, but I assure you, a pessimist I am not. In a world where every issue is divided in this dualistic reality, some areas of Autismlandia have transcended that dualism of good and bad, right and wrong, normal and abnormal, pessimist and optimist.

Rewind to one day in 2005. One more day is every day – the same day repeating on a loop. Get up and drag feet across floor toward coffee after one more night of no sleep when Diego decides that 2:00 am is party time. Then 3:00 am is playtime. And 4:00 am is screaming in unknown pain because he cannot say the words to express what hurts him. Then one more day, another day, and one more we make it through…

Fast forward to 2008. One more day is one more day that five year-old Diego will not eat enough to grow out of his three year-old clothing. One more day of sentences that ever-so-slowly progress from one word to two to three words. One more day of sleep deprivation, exhaustion, clashing with the school district over an inappropriate kindergarten placement; one more day to worry about the future, what kind of life will my child

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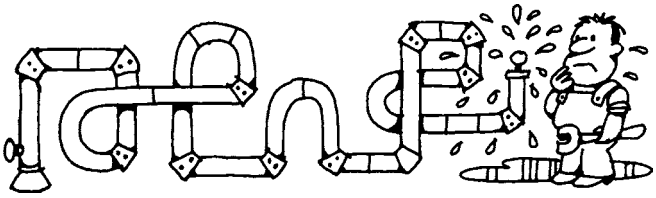

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have, what kind of life will I have?

There is one more day that brings challenge, and eventually one more day brings acceptance, and, depending on what kind of person you are in general, one more day is precious. One more day is a gift.

We have lived through thousands of one more days to get to this day in 2015 when I wake up one more day to the clanking of trains and railroad crossing bells that delight that boy and drive me nuts once I've reached my threshold. It's a fact – one more day can instantly turn into one more marvelous day when Diego reaches another goal or another milestone, like today when he buttoned one button on his shirt by himself in under a minute.

I cherish each and every one more day, especially that precious one more day pre-puberty, pre-middle school, pre-graduation, pre-whatever is to come later in life.

Living for one more day, although it works for us, does not guarantee that it will be a good one; but at some point every day the sun always comes out. It's one more day I will cry, whether from sadness or overwhelming joy or gratitude. It's one more day Diego shows me something new that he can do and I am amazed by his progress and admire him even more. It's one more day I can dream that one day will come when he will be able to live one day on his own independently. Today, though, is one more day I cannot give up; because it's one more day that Diego needs me to care for him, as only I know how.

There is a saying that describes what it is like for a special needs parent going one more day to one more day, with the uncertainty of those days of the future:

"The prayer of a parent of a child with special needs is that we see our child live a long, happy life … and that we live just one more day."

Clang, clang, clang! A sigh, a smile, for it's one more day. Thank goodness for one more day.

"Birds in the Sky, You Know How I Feel"

This Mattapoisett Life

By Marilou Newell

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locating food. Not all are welcome, as in the noisy messy grackles that have plagued our backyard haven these past several years. But after a long tiresome winter, one that found us covered with fresh snow for ten consecutive weeks, even the grackles can be forgiven.

I didn't realize I had been missing the excitable blue jay until a few showed up last spring. Then it occurred to me they had been absent from the scene for some time. I am glad to see them now in all their striking squawking glory. They do remind me of my mother, however.

Ma didn't like blue jays. They were too loud and bossy for her liking. She preferred the tiny wrens and sparrows, although personality-wise she had much more in common with the jays. She always liked the little guy, the underdogs of the world. Blue jays just didn't fit that bill.

In his later years, and before the final curtains were drawn in on his collapsing mind, Dad would sit still for long periods simply watching the birds flutter about the feeders in my backyard. He had a couple of feeders outside his tiny kitchen also, positioned with precision where he could take in the action from his chair.

The spilled seeds in his yard hosted the mouse population that in turn hosted the feral cat population, ultimately bringing down the whole cycle of life when he started to befriend the felines. But these chapters have been told.

Until the grackle invasion, we kept a few bird feeders in the backyard. We'd observe the winged visitors from the secrecy of the kitchen window, hardly daring to breathe when some unexpected beauty would stop by for a visit. What refreshment for the soul, one needy and yearning and feeling less than spry.

When our granddaughters were tiny children, they all had turns helping Pepe fill the bird feeders. Later in the warming season, we'd set out the hummingbird feeders filled with sweet nectar and then retreat to the sunroom to await their aerial ballet.

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wonder as I watched it all play out.

The birds' movements fascinate the dog, and he watches the sky scanning north to south across the cloudless rich blue backdrop. He and I have forgotten what a misery yesterday was with rain and snow, raw and cold. Today is a full-on gift of windless warmth and clarity. One of my long-held beliefs is that if we just hang on in rough times, the pendulum will swing the right way again. Trick is not to lose one's grip.

For today, I'm enjoying the birds in the backyard, the sun, and the blue sky. A day like this makes one feel hopeful. I hope that soon I'll be walking pain-free and with fluidity so as not to feel like old age is creeping up from the bottom of my feet and advancing towards my brain. I hope to hold onto this good feeling for a few days before it is replaced by who knows what. I'm reminding myself not to anticipate the future. Enjoy the now, lady. It is all you have.

I'll spend a few more minutes remembering my parents, whose stamp on me is always and forever while I continue to balance all that was and all that was not.

I'll think about the grandchildren and what may lay ahead for them while trusting that all their failures will be mitigated, counter-balanced by good decision making. We are wont to help them but know that the young will not be spared from anguish. They, too, must learn to take joy whenever possible for it is as fleeting as a bird.

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Master Plan Doesn't Garner Public Interest

Marion Board of Selectmen

By Marilou Newell

Norman Hills and Rico Ferrari, members of the Marion Planning Board, outlined for the Marion Board of Selectmen members Jody Dickerson and Stephen Cushing the Town's Master Plan. Hills said a public workshop had been held and meetings with SRPEDD had taken place. Information and feedback gathered from those activities fed into the final document.

But a lack of public response caused Cushing to question if sufficient public input had been acquired. Only 19 residents participated in the workshop, Hill reported. He also said not many residents had visited the Town's website to provide feedback.

Dickerson said, "In the 1990's we did neighborhood meetings…town employees too and got great response doing that." He wondered if tax bills or water bills could go out with a notice asking for the public to participate in this important work.

"People need to come to the workshops," said Hills.

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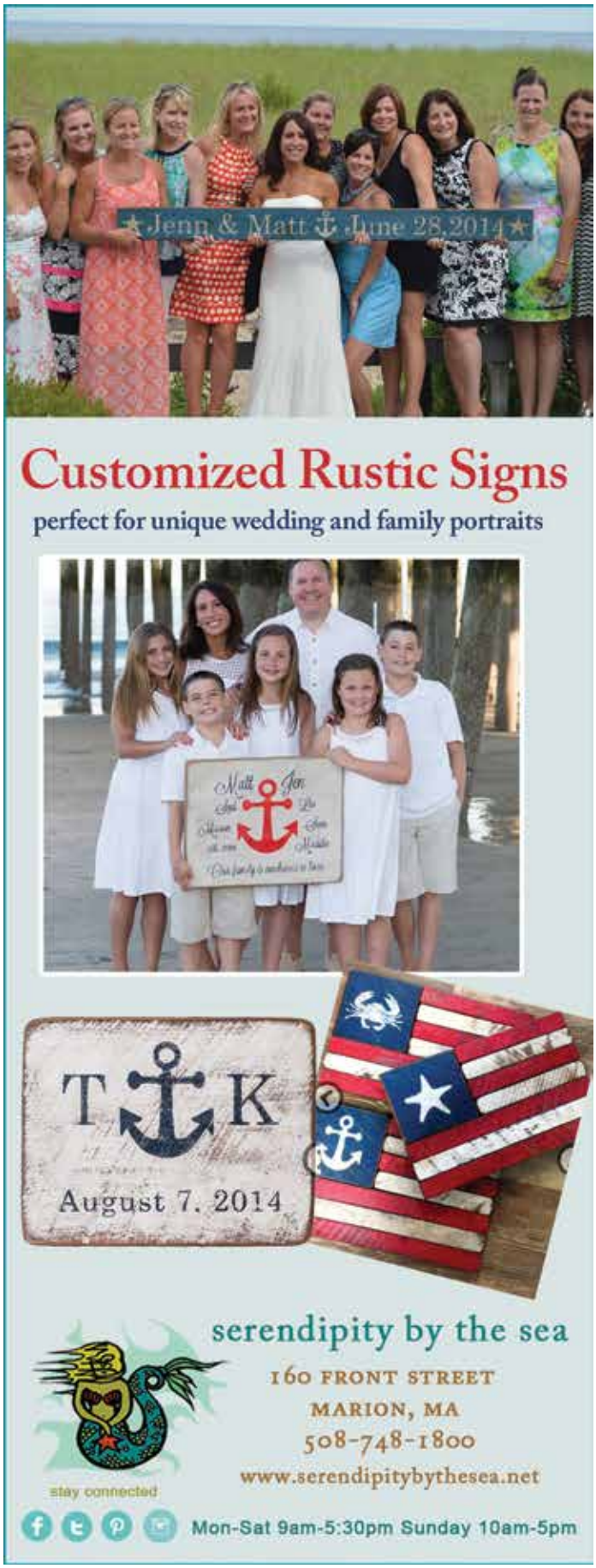

One of the articles expected to be on the Town Meeting Warrant is a request for $30,000 for a part-time town planner.

"A planner would support the master plan," said Hills. Ferrari added, "…Someone to supplement our lack of knowledge and implement the plan…"

Previous master plans included action items that were never acted upon, Hills pointed out. Dickerson said they had tried to get the Town to approve a town planner in the past with no success.

Hills stated again, "Community effort, people have to be involved."

Ferrari added, "We want to draw from the community some leadership…" to help the town see results from the Master Plan.

Hills asked if the Board of Selectmen would invite the Town's department heads to come together for a brainstorming session saying, "Marion residents' participation is critical."

In other business, the selectmen voted to approve the Affordable Housing Plan; to increase the number of Music Hall Advisory Committee members to nine; and the Department of Public Works union contract that will increase two percent in Fiscal Yean 2016.

Town Administrator Paul Dawson reported that the fire chief search has generated 48 interested people.

Dawson also told the board counterfeit guest privilege passes had been discovered and reported by a resident who witnessed someone making them on a commercial copier. He said residents holding passes will receive a letter reminding them of the proper use of the passes, and that improper use will result in all family parking privileges being denied.

On a happier note, Dawson said that bids will be accepted starting Thursday, April 23 for the 2015 July 4th fireworks show. Dickerson assured Dawson that the money, 100 percent from private donations, is funding this summer's event.

The next meeting of the Marion Board of Selectmen is scheduled for May 5 at 7:00 pm at the Marion Town House.

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Goodspeed Island Pier Hearing Draws Hundreds

By Marilou Newell

"On my fiftieth birthday, my husband gave me a signed purchase and sale agreement for land on the water…" Thus began Laurie DaRosa's comments about how she and her husband, Daniel, came to purchase the parcel on Goodspeed Island, a location she said was the culmination of years of hard work and the fulfillment of their dreams.

DaRosa was speaking to approximately 200 residents who packed the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection Chapter 91 public hearing held in the cafeteria at Old Hammondtown School on April 16, at the request of the Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen.

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She told them that her family's plan had always been to build a pier from their home out into the harbor "for our grandchildren to run on." She said, since applying for various permits (Army, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, DEP, Chapter 91, and the Mattapoisett Conservation Commission), she and her husband have had their good name negatively affected by harsh media coverage and by unwelcoming residents.

DaRosa said that when her husband was introduced to another resident during a benefit event in town, the reaction was, "Oh, you're the guy who wants to build the dock," and not, "Thank you for your donation."

"We have always been kind, generous, giving people," DaRosa stated, asserting they have taken great pride in all the properties they have owned. She also stated that the property was littered with trash when they first acquired it and questioned why the Town had not cared before then about the conditions on Goodspeed Island.

Next, the public was invited to speak by DEP officials Carlos Fragata, Waterways Regulations Program environmental analyst, and David Hill, DEP environmental engineer.

The overriding concern of the public in attendance was the proposed size of the pier. It took two and a half hours for those comments to be aired.

Representative William Straus was the first to speak after Mrs. DaRosa's impassioned opening

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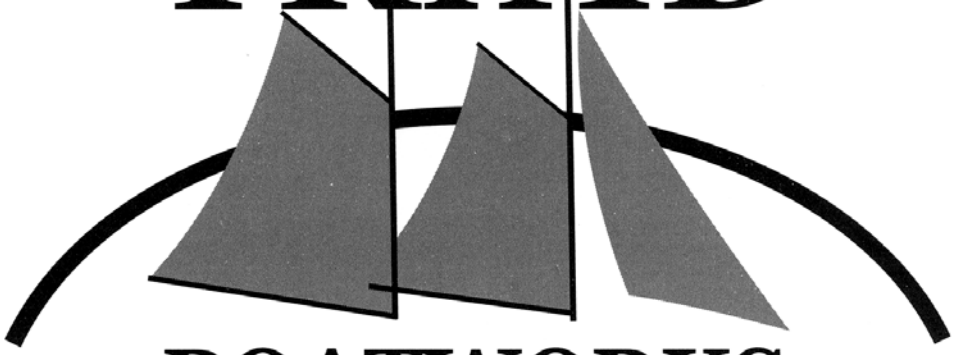

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statement.

"This isn't about you," Straus said to the DaRosas. "It's about the harbor … what it means to the people." He said the outpouring of public sentiment against the pier pointed to the importance of the harbor to all the people and not just a single family. He said to the two DEP officials, "The ability to travel over waters unimpeded depends on the Commonwealth to protect…" He concluded his comments by saying decisions of this sort should "tilt in favor of public use…. This pier should not be licensed under Chapter 91 … it is too large an impact."

There were supporters of the DaRosas present. Coming forward in support of the pier's construction was Anthony Campbell, 3 Goodspeed Island. He said, due to the extremely shallow waters in front of the Darosa property, swimming and other water activities were almost never something that he witnessed. He suggested everyone get in bathing suits and experiment to see just how shallow the water was in that location. He said the need to preserve the location for public recreating was not factual. He was not alone in that conclusion.

The DaRosas' attorney, John Gushue, provided technical printouts and correspondence sent to the DEP last October that supported the project.

In an email printout dated October 21, 2014, Conservation Commission member Mike King wrote, "There are those that would have you believe that this project will infringe upon the right of the public to enjoy the harbor, that it will negatively impact the ability of average citizens to recreate on the harbor … that the area proposed for this pier is of high recreational use and it will prevent them from their enjoyment of this area." He continued, "I submit to you that this is false testimony." He went on to describe the shallow water issues he associated with poor recreational quality and concluded it was his belief that the project should be permitted.

Also supporting the DaRosas' proposal was F. Mitchell Suzan, Jr. of 8 Main Street via written comment.

"In my opinion, the opposition to the DaRosa pier is shamelessly trying to manipulate the permit process by making trumped-up claims of impact from the pier, but it's really about change and people just don't like change …

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plain and simple," wrote Suzan.

On the other side was the response from the public and some town officials who provided their own technical reasons why the application should be reviewed further to expose any perceived negative impact from the pier construction, as well as personal reasons why they think the pier will be a detriment to the public's use of the harbor.

Speaking against the issuance of a permit was BOS Chairman Paul Silva and Selectman Jordan Collyer. Silva noted, of the 23 miles of shoreline in Mattapoisett, only half of one mile was open to the roughly 7,000 residents of the town; the remaining 22.5 miles was in private ownership. Collyer said that the DaRosa location

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William Madden of G.A.F. Engineering questioned the Zoning Board of Appeals decision to deny the project because it found the DaRosa property was not directly on the waterfront but instead was one lot back from the beach.

Madden said the DaRosas have an easement, but that easement specifically called for approval from local agencies. He said bylaws require accessory structures to be on the same property, not traversing easements. He said the ZBA misunderstood that point. He also pointed out what he called "deficiencies" in engineered drawings presented to the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Other town-appointed and elected officials coming out to ask the DEP to decline permitting of the project were Ray Andrews of the Assessors' Office, Water/Sewer Superintendent Nick Nicholson, Shellfish Officer Kathleen Massey, former Harbormaster Horace Field, and Robert Moore of the Mattapoisett Marine Advisory Board.

Of the residents speaking against approval, all conveyed the importance of the area in front of the DaRosa property as a place where the public used small watercraft, went shellfishing, and generally enjoyed water activities. Many said a smaller pier would not be met with dissent.

Brad Hathaway of Aucoot Cove said at the end of a long evening of residents giving voice to their concerns, "I have never sailed in the harbor, I have never swum in the harbor, I have never fished in the harbor," but approving the pier, he said, would set a precedent in other areas and therefore, "You've got to say no."

Fragata then asked the DaRosas if they wished to offer any rebuttal. Gushue declined the offer in favor of responding to each written statement submitted to the DEP during the public comment period in writing.

Fragata told the assembled that the public comment period closes at the end of the business day on May 6. He said each person submitting a letter would receive a response with the DEP's decision. He also said anyone wishing to appeal the DEP decision would have had to submit a letter of comment during the public comment period.

Letters may be sent to: Carlos Fragata, Environmental Analyst, DEP Waterways Regulation Program, MA Dept. of Environmental Protection, 20 Riverside Drive, Lakeville, MA 02347.

All correspondence should also include RE: Waterways No. W14-4226, Timber Pier, 3 Goodspeed Island, Mattapoisett.

Saltworks Continued, Contention over Minutes

Marion Planning Board

By Andrew Roiter

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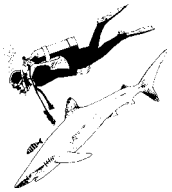

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cuss the housing Production Plan from the Marion Affordable Housing Trust, and continued the public hearing for Saltworks Marine's new facility located at 291 Wareham Street.

The April 6 meeting with the Planning Board left Dan Crete, owner of Saltworks Marine, and Dave Davignon of N. Douglas Schneider and Associates, Inc. with several notes about the current plans for the property.

One of the primary issues was the need for a Special Permit, as the proposed buildings on the site exceed the 5,000 square-foot aggregate. No motion was made on the permit at this time, but it will be either approved or denied at the May 4 Planning Board meeting.

Davignon presented the board with updated plans and highlighted, at the behest of Planning Board Chairman Stephen Kokkins, the changes that were made to the plan since the last meeting.

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some of the changes you've made," Kokkins said.

The specific issues include a building slated to be constructed within a FEMA designated velocity zone. A velocity zone is an area along the coast subject to flooding.

Davignon said in Tuesday's meeting that there will be no buildings placed within the velocity zone, and he wanted to make sure the board understood that.

Another issue was related to groundwater mounding.

"As I recall, there were fairly significant [issues] regarding the effects of groundwater rising into the recharge system for the front building," Kokkins said.

In the initial plans, there were concerns in a report that the groundwater mounding would reach nine inches into one of the stormwater management systems.

"That comment, when first put on paper, was written without the realization that the leaching facility in the design was lifted by ten inches," Davignon said. "It came up eight-tenths of a foot in the revisions in the first phase. Therefore the nine inches are no longer an issue."

The Board of Health recommended the applicant dig a test hole ten feet deep to determine if they have enough soil beneath the facility to house the drainage system.

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Kokkins thanked the representatives for the work they've done so far on the project.

"I think the 'I's' have been dotted and the "T's" have been crossed," board member Stephen Gonsalves said of the project.

Also during the meeting, the board unanimously approved the Housing Production Plan presented by Marion Affordable Housing Trust Chairman Jennifer Watson. Board member Eileen Marum raised a question about the property choice. She asked if Watson has considered purchasing and subdividing one of Marion's larger homes into affordable housing.

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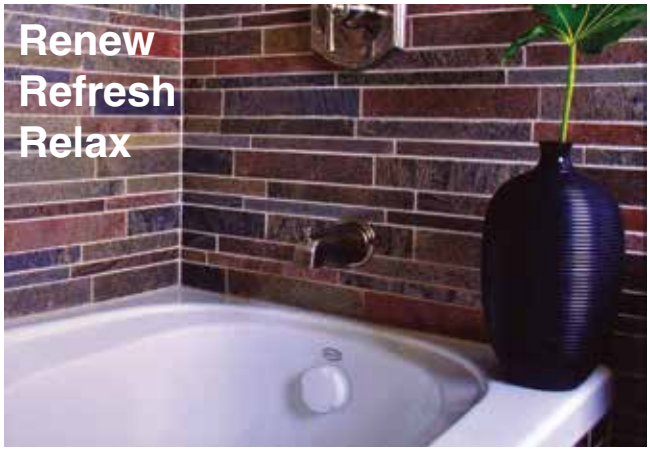

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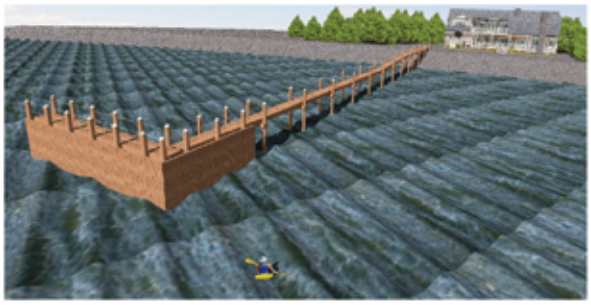
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"The reason I raise this concern is that I know there is very little developable land in Marion. Most of what might be available is wetlands," Marum said.

Watson addressed this concern by saying that they would not be purchasing and subdividing a home for financial reasons.

"It would be very difficult for us as the Affordable Housing Trust to purchase a larger home and convert it because, money-wise, we don't have the funds to do that," Watson said.

The board also approved two contracts for the Town's Master Plan, one of which was related to the Affordable Housing Trust and the other was a contract for technical services from the Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District, SRPEDD.

Before the end of the meeting, the board approved the minutes from several prior meetings. The minutes of August 8, September 16, and October 7 were approved unanimously. There was a disagreement about the minutes of Dec. 1, in which board member Norman Hills felt that a discussion regarding how the minutes should be recorded was misrepresented by Clerk Robert Lane.

The discussion turned heated when Lane defended his work, saying that he consulted a number of resources and determined that the way he recorded the minutes was legal and accurate. When Marum asked to see a presentation of Lane's research he refused, by saying "I haven't the slightest intention of doing it."

"That leads me to think that you didn't do the research," Marum said in response.

The discussion lasted ten minutes and ended in a 4-2 vote to approve the minutes with Marum and Hills opposed.

The next meeting of the Marion Planning Board is scheduled for May 4 at 7:00 pm at the Marion Town House.

Paw Prints Leaves Its Mark at ORR

ORR Update

By Patrick Briand

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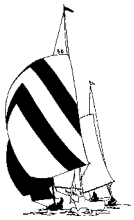
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meet deadlines. To sum up the process in one phase, timing is everything. It's that study of newspapers that makes Journalism and Media Literacy a popular class year after year at ORRHS. Taught by Bertrand Allain, who primarily teaches English for sophomores, the class intertwines information about the newspaper industry with an examination of the media at large. Students spend most classes working on interviews and writing articles for the *Paw Prints* publication, which prints six issues per school year. For this article, Allain, Editor-in-Chief Kate Cunningham, and fellow senior Gwen Plante shared their thoughts on ORR's student publication.

The best part of Allain's role as an advisor to the paper, in his words, is "watching students take full ownership of the journalistic process."

This is Mr. Allain's third year as the advisor to *Paw Prints*, and he really enjoys the position. His favorite thing to see in a student writer is comprehension of the interview process. "I like when it's clear that a student has learned the value of a good interview. When they master that, the student can do any type of Journalism in the future," he explained.

One of his goals for the future is to see the newspaper focus on covering the issues of greatest importance to the student body.

Plante stepped into Journalism class this year and took on a big role by becoming editor of the news section. "[Journalism] helped open my mind to a new world," she

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said. "It helped that Mr. Allain was really easygoing about it."

The best part about journalism, in her opinion, is that "you get to choose what you want to write. I'm the news editor, but I don't always have to write a news article," Plante said.

Most of all, the journalism experience will prepare her for next year as a college freshman, where she is considering studying photojournalism.

Cunningham edited the paper's sports section in her junior year, and assumed the title of editor-in-chief for her senior year. Last year, the paper's sports section earned an award from Suffolk University's High School Journalism Conference, marking a major achievement for

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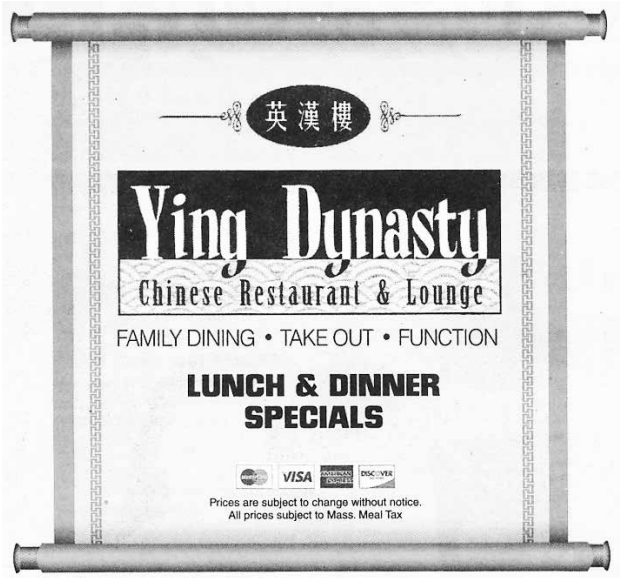

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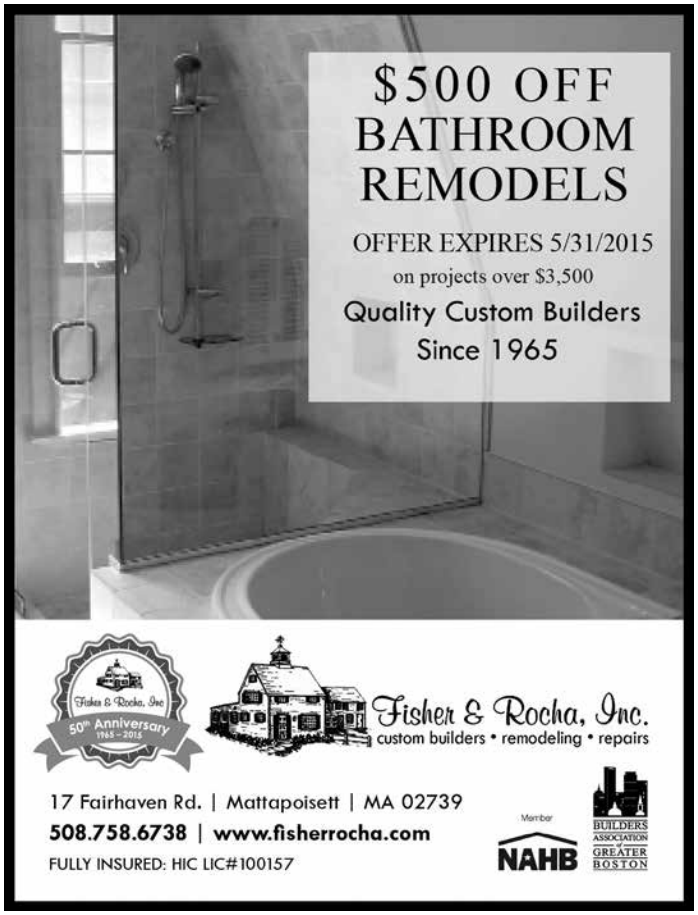

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Describing her position, she said, "It's a lot of work, but it's all worth it as soon as I see it in print."

Cunningham's main duties are editing the articles for each issue of the newspaper and formatting them, along with the photos, into a cohesive publication.

She also writes stories for the paper, mostly in the News and Special Features sections. "I have to handle my time efficiently," she said. "My main priority is getting the paper out for the student body."

Cunningham said her overall goal is to work for a newspaper while living in New York City. "The experience I have received here will prepare me for something like that," she said.

It's been a very successful year for *Paw Prints.* Five issues have been released thus far, with the most recent being released on Thursday, April 16, in celebration of the Boys' Basketball Team's title run. A sixth issue is being prepped for May, with a focus on senior farewells. Thanks to the guidance of Mr. Allain, the hard work of Cunningham, and the quick adaptations made by section editors like Plante, *Paw Prints* continues to thrive as a major part of ORR student culture.

Student Alumni Connection Board

Tabor Academy News

By Julia O'Rourke

Throughout the school year, a number of new

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groups have formed in the Tabor Academy community as a result of the brainstorming done at the second annual Leadership Symposium. The theme of that day was to think of new positions or programs that could enhance certain areas of life at Tabor. One group focused on alumni relations and, as a result, the Student Alumni Connection Board (SACB) was recently formed.

Sara Yeransian, an officer in the advancement office, leads the 11 students on the board. "The overall purpose of the group is to better connect current students with the alumni base," says Yeransian.

In order to achieve this purpose, the group plans to implement a number of activities and events. For example, next year the board will focus on organizing an alumni speaker series during which graduates will come to Tabor and speak about something that interests current students, who will recommend the discussion topics.

According to senior board member Ellie Sullivan, "We're planning some events in the spring to get alums back on campus." These events will be beneficial because, although many graduates in the Boston area would like to return, Sullivan points out, "There aren't very many opportunities for them to do so."

These events include a lunch in which young alumni can sit at different tables to discuss schools, sports, music, and other post-graduation endeavors.

Additionally, the board is planning an alumni weekend during which alums can attend sports competitions as well as participate in other activities and meals with students.

Currently, many off-campus events exist for alumni and the group is hoping to bring students to these gatherings to improve the connection. For example, at a recent reception where John Fish '78 spoke about his effort to bring the Olympics to Boston, three Tabor seniors were able to attend, listen and talk to alums.

Julia Furneaux, a board member, recognizes that "Tabor does have an alumni newsletter to update them on life at Tabor"; however, she says, "We are just now getting ideas on how to connect student to the alumni on a more personal level."

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forming these connections. According to Yeransian, Matt Paliotta, a board member, "just created a group on the Tabor Alumni LinkedIn page that will serve as a method of communication between students and alumni." Students who choose to utilize this link will hopefully find it helpful for forming relationships with alumni and finding access to summer internships and more.

An improved connection between alumni and students will be beneficial to both parties. According to Sullivan, with a medium of social media, "Students can go to find alums who may have jobs or internships open and want to hire a Tabor student, or for juniors and seniors who want to hear from a former Tabor student about a certain school they attended." For the alumni, this is equally beneficial as they would be able to seek out students for said internships.

Additionally, a new campaign titled "How did you seas the day?" inspired by Tabor's waterfront location, has been started by the board. This is a series of videos published on Instagram in which a few students and faculty are featured weekly stating how they seized the day at Tabor. This again will be an accessible way for alumni to stay involved in current Tabor life.

Although the SACB has only been in action for a few months, improvements in connections between alumni and current students have been made. Isabelle Rodgers is passionate about her involvement in the board, "I know that I will always want to be connected back to

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Tennis Teams Remain Undefeated in SCC

ORR Sports Update

By Michael Kassabian

Here is a look at the third week of scheduled games for Old Rochester Regional High School spring athletics.

Baseball: The Bulldogs continued their perfect season this week with two big wins over tough SCC competitors. ORR first defeated Fairhaven 11-4 thanks to an overall strong offensive effort. **Hunter Parker**, **Austin Salkind**, **John Breault**, **Sam Henrie**, and **Mike Pellegrino** all topped the scorecard with two hits apiece. Pitcher **James Leidhold** earned the win with six solid innings from the mound, with Henrie relieving him in the seventh inning. The Bulldogs then went on to defeat last year's co-SCC champion, Dighton-Rehoboth, 6-0. Henrie earned the win and recorded a shutout from the pitcher's mound, striking out eight players in five innings, and **Jordan Menard** played well both offensively and in the field. The win was a pivotal one for the boys, as it keeps them atop the SCC and puts them past what is expected to be one of their top competitors in Dighton-Rehoboth.

Softball: The Lady Bulldogs faced some struggles this week, falling to SCC rival Fairhaven in a hard-fought 7-4 game. Despite the loss, **Hannah Guard** played well, going 2-4 from the plate with an RBI. **Courtney Dextradeur** also had two hits to lead the Lady Bulldogs offensively. With the loss, the girls' record stands at 2-2 overall with a 2-1 conference standing.

Boys' Track: The boys' track team kicked off their season with a strong opening win against Fairhaven, 88-43. **Kevin Saccone** was a quadruple winner, taking the triple jump, 400-meter hurdles, long jump, and the 200-meter dash. Other wins for the Bulldogs came from **Ben Dion** (100-meter), **Ben Rounseville** (110-meter hurdles), **James Estudante** (shot-put), **Drew Robert** (800-meter), and **Patrick Briand** (one mile). The 4x100-meter relay comprised of Rounseville, **Sean Hopkins**,

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Mike Morris, and **Trevor Oldham,** also took first. The Bulldogs look to claim their first outdoor SCC title in three years this season.

Girls' Track: The Lady Bulldogs also kicked off their season right, debuting with an explosive 116-20 win over Fairhaven. The girls won all but two events in the meet, showing the overall depth of the track program. **Zoe Smith** and **Arden Goguen** were big winners on the day, with Smith winning the triple jump, high jump, and 100-meter hurdles, and Goguen winning the 100-meter dash and the 200-meter dash. If the opening meet is any indication, the girls will likely claim their fifth consecutive outdoor SCC title this spring, so long as they continue to perform as they have been.

Boys' Tennis: The boys' tennis team had an excellent week, winning two matches in 5-0 shutouts against Seekonk and Wareham. In both matches, **Owen Sughrue** (first singles), **Alex Bilodeau** (second singles), and **Sean Nutter** (third singles) all won in two sets to earn points for the team. Against Seekonk, **Sam Pasquill** and **Josh Lerman** (first doubles) and **Stephen Burke** and **Jahn Pothier** (second doubles) completed the Bulldogs' first shut-out of the week, while against Wareham, the doubles teams were restructured, with Lerman and **Maxx Wolski** taking the first doubles match, and **Caleb Jagoda** and **Emil Assing** winning at second doubles. With the wins, the boys' record stands at 5-1 overall with a perfect 4-0 in the SCC.

Girls' Tennis: Like the boys' team, the Lady Bulldogs also won both of their matches this week, with several players making their varsity debuts. **Julia Nojeim** played well, winning both matches at first singles. Against Seekonk, **Morgan Middleton** (second singles), **Olivia Bellefeuille** (third singles), and **Sophie Church** and **Emma Collings** (second doubles) all won their matches. At first doubles, junior **Alexis Parker** made her varsity debut playing with **K.K. Bindas**. The girls won their match in three sets. Against Wareham, the girls got wins from Nojeim, Bellefeuille, Collings and Church, as well as **Amy Bichajian**, who won her first ever singles match at third singles. Another debut for the Lady Bulldogs came from freshman **Caroline Murphy**, who paired up with Parker to win her first varsity match

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at second doubles. The girls' record stands at 4-1 overall, with an undefeated 4-0 in the conference.

Girls' Lacrosse: The Lady Bulldogs notched another two wins to their record this week, defeating both Saint John Paul II and Bourne. Against Saint John Paul II, the girls won 18-7, thanks to the offensive efforts of 11 different players. Multiple scorers for the girls came from **Bailey Truesdale** (4), **Maddie Cooney** (3), **Mikayla Demanche** (2), and **Emily Hiller** (2). Senior goalie **Madison Thomson** made nine saves in net. The girls then went on to defeat Bourne 14-8. Cooney, a freshman, continues to make her name known in the SCC, scoring three goals to help lead the Bulldog offense. **Chloe Riley** also notched three goals in the win, with Demanche and

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Maggie Adams each scoring two. The wins put the girls' overall record at 3-1-1.

Below are the overall spring team records, followed by the conference records in wins, losses, and ties as of April 19.

Baseball: (4-0-0) (3-0-0); Softball: (2-2-0) (2-1-0); Boys' Track: (1-0-0) (1-0-0); Girls' Track: (1-0-0) (1-0-0); Boys' Tennis: (5-1-0) (4-0-0); Girls' Tennis: (4-1-0) (4-0-0); Boys' Lacrosse: (3-0-0) (1-0-0); Girls' Lacrosse: (3-1-1) (1-0-0).

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Edyie Johnson, Rochester Historical Society

To the Editor:

Having had the privilege of attending the hearing on Goodspeed Island pier last Thursday evening, April 16, and yes, I do feel that attending any town hearing is a privilege to be exercised by all concerned, I've had some

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time to gather my thoughts on the matter.

I was very touched by Mrs. DaRosa's testimony to her joy of living on the water in such a beautiful location and visions of her children and grandchildren swimming, boating, fishing off the pier in front of their dream home.

Being a mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, I too have enjoyed watching my children in front of my home of 36years on Brandt Island Cove, which I've always referred to as "my cove."

I think that anyone who has been fortunate enough to live "on the water" tends to refer to the water that they look out on as theirs. As in "my beach," "my cove," "my pond," "my river." Let's not forget the "my" in all of this is really not "mine," but "ours."

This beautiful harbor is "ours," and as much as I can appreciate Mrs. DaRosa's idyllic dream, I also appreciate the reality of every family in town being able to enjoy what "our" beautiful harbor has to offer "us."
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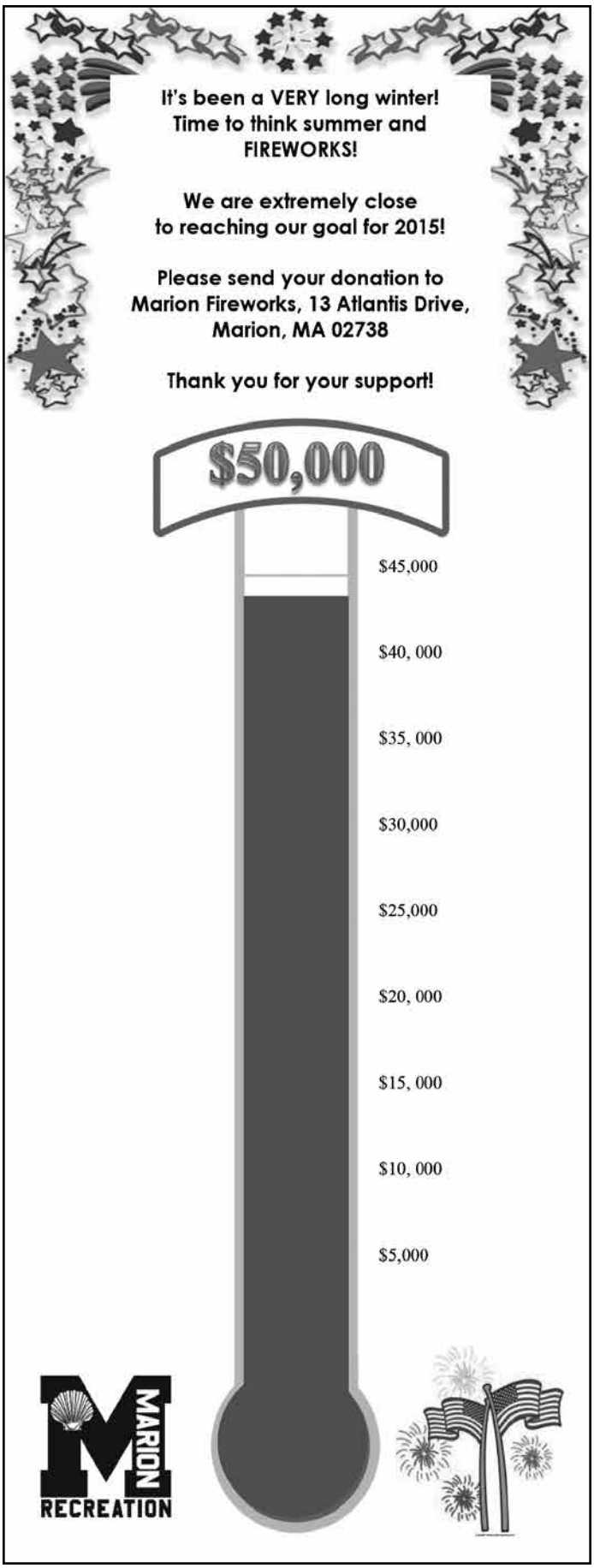

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This year, we are in need of an experienced environmental educator who is enthusiastic and knowledgeable about the coastal environment. If interested, please forward a resume and cover letter to the Marion Natural History Museum, P.O. Box 644, Marion, MA 02738.

MNHM Summer Program

The Marion Natural History Museum's Summer Program is one of the most well known and well regarded in the South Coast area. Children from across the country visit us each summer and participate in the program. The programs are designed to be small groups, and registration is limited to 15 children per session.

Our Life Along The Shore program for grades entering 1-2 includes visiting the shoreline and exploring the plants and animals that live in our area's many coastal habitats. With the use of games, journals and introductory science techniques, this is a wonderful first look at life in our coastal environment. During our Coastal Explorations I program for grades entering 3-4, we feature explorations of our rocky intertidal shorelines, salt marshes, estuaries as well as freshwater riverbanks, swamps, ponds and

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bogs. We take a close-up look at the birds, amphibians, fish and invertebrates that make these areas so special. And in our Coastal Explorations II program for grades entering 5-8, we increase our investigations into the unique habitats Marion has to offer, which include several field trips and meetings with specialists to expand our knowledge of our coastal and freshwater ecosystems.

Time for all programs is 9:00 am - 12:00 pm, Monday - Friday. Session Dates: Session I: **July 6-17** and Session II: **August 3-14**. Cost for each program: $200/members; $250/Nonmembers. Registration information is found at our website: www.marionmuseum.org. Hope you can join us!

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Marion Town-Wide Cleanup & SpringFest

Marion Town-Wide Cleanup & SpringFest will be held on Saturday, **May 9**. The Cleanup is from 9:00 am to noon at the Music Hall; SpringFest is from noon to 4:00 pm at Washburn Park.

Litter and clutter beware! Streets will be cleaned and closets will be cleared as the Marion Tree & Parks Committee and Gifts to Give join forces for Marion's 2015 Town-Wide Cleanup on Saturday, May 9. From the rallying point at Marion's Music Hall, participants will be provided gloves and bags, and then directed to designated locations to clear the trash and other debris left in winter's wake. The collected trash will be returned to the town's bandstand area to create the annual 'trash mountain.' In addition to the morning's focus on cleaning up our streets, cleaning out our closets will also be on the agenda, as New Bedford's Gifts to Give organization collects gently used children's items (clothes, books, toys, etc.) for distribution to deserving families throughout Southeastern Massachusetts. Items for donation can be brought that morning to Island Wharf Park, where a Gifts to Give collection truck will await their arrival.

To balance the morning's hard work, the Sippican Lands Trust, Marion Tree & Parks Committee, and the Charles Washburn Memorial Trust will host an afternoon of fun family activities at Washburn Park from noon to 4:00 pm, with many other town organizations in attendance. Activities will include a craft table, a carabiner's climbing wall, the Toe Jam Puppet Jam, a Birds of Prey presentation, Handy Mandi face painting, a Petting Zoo, Touch a Truck, and more. Refreshments will be provided, courtesy of area businesses. A good time is guaranteed, and organizers hope community families will join in the fun, celebrate the arrival of spring and the beautiful town of Marion. Questions about the morning Clean-Up may be directed to coordinator Sue Noonan at 508-748-6679. For questions about the afternoon SpringFest, please call Sippican Lands Trust Executive Director Robin Shields at 508-748-3080.

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Mattapoisett River, sponsored by the Rochester Fire Department, will take place on Monday, **May 25** starting at 8:30 am at Grandma Hartley's Reservoir, Snipatuit Road, in Rochester and finishing at the Herring Weir, River Road at Route 6, in Mattapoisett.

The race is open to persons of all ages. There will be two persons to a boat. The boat must be a homemade river racer design of any material you choose. There are no limitations or restrictions on types of paddles.

Divisions include open/men's, women's, junior boys, junior girls, co-ed and parent/child. Junior division teams are both contestants under 14 years old. Parent/child is for a parent with his/her child (child under 14 years old) or an adult (25 or older with a child under 14 years old). Trophies are awarded to the first, second and third place finishers in each division.

Pre-registration is required. Contestants may register at the Rochester Grange Hall, 205 Hartley Road, on Friday, May 8 and Friday, May 15 from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. No registrations will be accepted after Friday, May 15 at 8:00 pm. It may be prudent for contestants who raced last year to submit their paper work on the first night of registration in the event of unforeseen circumstances that prevent them from attending the last registration and losing the starting position they earned based on last year's finish position. This would also make the work load on the registration staff a bit easier on the last night of registration.

Rules and registration forms may be obtained at Lloyd's Market and at the registration sessions. A signed registration form must be submitted by each contestant for a team to be eligible to draw a starting position.

The Boat Race Ham & Bean supper will be served on the Saturday evening of Memorial Day weekend, May 23 from 5:00 to 7:00 pm at Rochester Memorial School.

Tickets for the supper may be purchased at the door. Proceeds from the supper, along with donations, fund the expenses of the race. (There is no registration/entry fee to race.)

Trophies and prizes will be awarded Memorial Day at Rochester Memorial School at 7:30 pm.

For further information, contact Boat Race

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Boys' State and Girls' State

Five members of the class of 2016 at Old Rochester Regional High School will be attending the Boys'/Girls' State Convention sponsored by the American Legion's Florence Eastman Post 280, June 13-19, at Stonehill College in North Easton, MA.

The Florence Eastman Post 280 will be sponsoring Holly A. Frink in memory of Florence Eastman. Lawrence DiCara, Esquire, will be sponsoring William F. Santos in memory of George White, Evan D. Santos in memory of Jack DeCosta, and Catherine N. Feldkamp in honor of Gerry DeCosta. Matthew V. Fortin will be sponsored by

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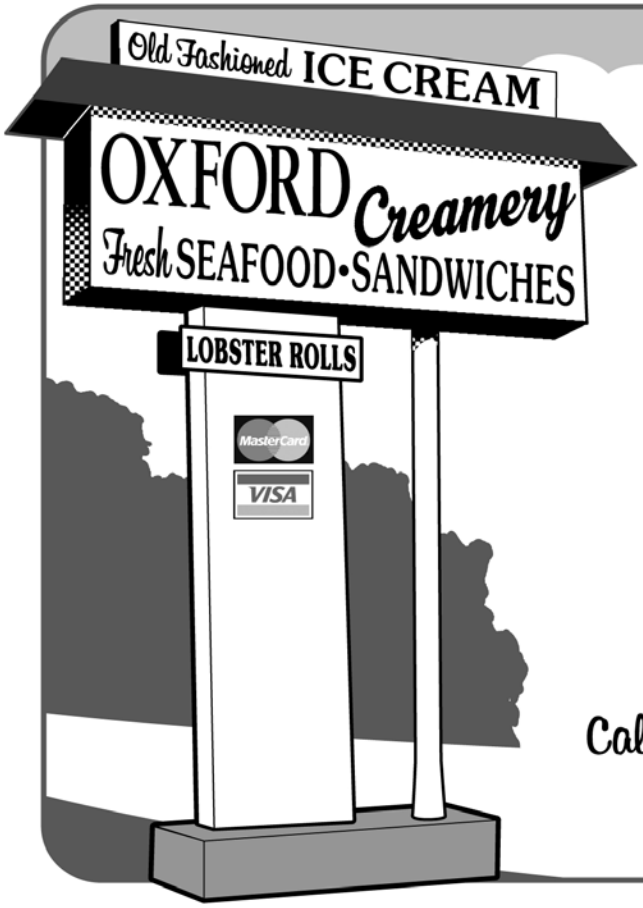

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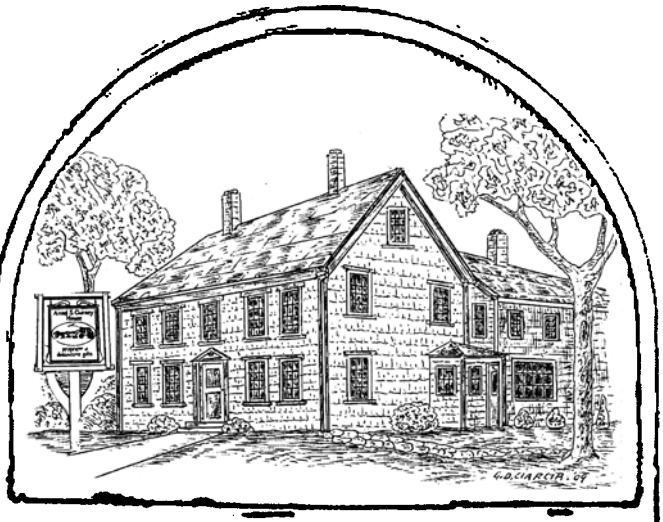

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To be eligible for Boys'/Girls' State, a student must be a member of the junior class who has achieved high academic success. Delegates must also show evidence of leadership ability and an interest in the democratic process. At the convention, delegates will study local and state government. They will establish and operate their own cities and towns and state government in miniature. This will include forming two political parties, holding conventions, nominating candidates, conducting campaigns, and electing officials. The primary goal of Boys'/Girls' State is for attendees to develop a better understanding of how State Government functions.

Ukraine's Revolution of Dignity

The Sippican Historical Society and Elizabeth Taber Library will join together on Thursday, **May 7** to co-sponsor *Ukraine's Revolution of Dignity: Its History, Progress & Future*, a lecture by Myron O. Stachiw. A glance at the TV news or any newspaper will quickly reveal that the past decade in Ukraine has witnessed a series of social and political upheavals – so much so that a half-second internet search including the terms 'Ukraine' and 'upheaval' will actually garner almost 400,000 results. This timely lecture will explore the long social and cultural history of the conflict between Ukraine and Russia; the nature of the Orange Revolution and the Revolution of Dignity; and the possible future outcomes of the current, frozen conflict facing Ukraine and the world.

Speaker Myron Stachiw is an educator, historian, archaeologist, and architectural historian. Currently a visiting lecturer at UMass Amherst, he is also engaged as an historical consultant to museums and historical agencies, as well as to state and local preservation organizations and agencies. He recently completed a project as guest associate curator with the Ukrainian Museum in New York City. Mr. Stachiw lived in Ukraine from 2004 – 2012, first as a recipient of a Fulbright Scholar Award (2004-2006) and then as the director of the Fulbright Program in Ukraine. The latter position required close collaboration with the Department of

State and the U.S. Embassy in Ukraine, and close and frequent interactions with institutions of higher education in Ukraine, the Ukrainian government, and Ministry of Education and Science in Ukraine.

The presentation, to be held at the Marion Music Hall (164 Front Street) at 7:00 pm is offered free to the public, with no reservations required. Ample parking is available across the street at Island Wharf. For more information, contact the Sippican Historical Society at 508-748-1116 or the Elizabeth Taber Library at 508-748-1252.

The Hope Factory

On Sunday, **May 3**, Tabor Academy, through the efforts of senior Samantha Davis, will stage an event, called The Hope Factory, to help make the lives of hospitalized children a bit brighter. The community is invited to join the Message of Hope Foundation and Tabor Academy and enjoy an afternoon of food, fun activities for children of all ages, along with a chance to help out in an easy but impactful way! Join in an effort to pack as many Happy Hope Bags as possible with fun children's activities, such as coloring books and crayons, stickers, puzzles and more for hospitalized children. The event is free and open to the public, rain or shine!

Davis has learned through her association with the Wareham-based Message of Hope Foundation that being hospitalized is very isolating for children. "We

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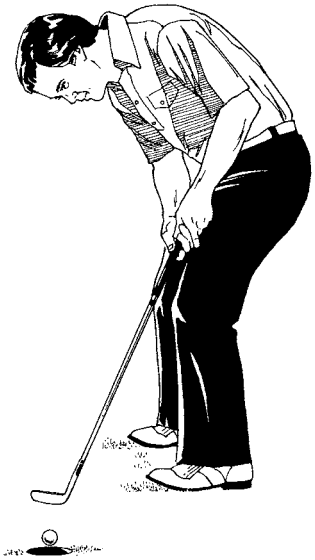

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have so many opportunities at Tabor, to play sports, take classes, be creative and enjoy our friends, things these kids can't do while they are sick. Doing something to let them know that there are people who care about them and are thinking of them is really important while their lives are put on hold. I hope our effort will cheer the children and each participant in our event as we remember how lucky we all are to just be together and to be healthy. This is a great community-bonding opportunity for us all: a way to help and have fun together."

Davis is implementing all the details of this community day as part of her senior project at Tabor Academy. She is interning at the Message of Hope Foundation, a group she became familiar with through the schools' fall Service Morning program when she participated in a similar event and met the Director, Emi Burke, of Wareham, MA. She became hooked on the mission and has kept in touch with Ms. Burke throughout the year, pledging to lead this effort in May. To learn more about the Message of Hope Foundation, you can visit their website at http://www.messageofhopefoundation.org.

Davis is also working with the foundation to visit children in participating local hospitals as a "celebrity guest." Recently a member of the gold medal USA National team for U-18 Women's Hockey, Davis is excited to visit children in her USA jersey and share her gold medal and her story with the children. "I learned when meeting many Olympians through the National Team how important volunteerism and being a role model was to them. I am really looking forward to now making my own impact as a volunteer and role model through this event and my visits with the children."

Davis says, "Please join us! Bring the family and enjoy the afternoon's events, pack some gift bags, and enjoy the community spirit! Also, if you are able to contribute one or more coloring books to share in our bags, it would be a great help!"

More information about the Message of Hope Foundation may be found at their website: http://www.messageofhopefoundation.org.

Mattapoisett Road Race

It's time to dust off your running shoes and start training for the 45th annual Mattapoisett Road Race, which will start at Shipyard Park at 9:00 am on **July 4**. The 5-mile course is mostly shaded and winds through the village of Mattapoisett, around Ned's Point lighthouse and back to Shipyard Park. There are cheering crowds, plentiful water stops, and drinks and fruit for the runners at the finish line. All proceeds from the race are awarded to college-bound Old Rochester Regional High School athletes. Thanks to the generosity of our sponsors, over $125,000 dollars have been awarded throughout the history of the race. Award applications are available on the website or at the ORRHS guidance office. The

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More information about the race and registration is available on-line at mattapoisettroadrace.com. T-shirts are guaranteed to the first 750 entrants.

SRPEDD Community Electricity Aggregation

The Marion Selectmen are interested in saving money and providing stability for residential and small business electric bills. Pending an affirmative vote by residents at the May 11 Annual Town Meeting, Marion will join the SRPEDD Community Electricity Aggregation (CEA) program.

To date, 14 cities and towns with over 150,000 households in the SRPEDD region have voted at town meetings or city council meetings to join the SRPEDD Community Electricity Aggregation. Five other SRPEDD municipalities with over 35,000 households are interested in joining.

"Everyone understands the concept of purchasing larger quantities is more cost effective than smaller individual purchases. Grouping the residents of Marion in to a single purchasing group and further expanding group by joining with other communities will provide Marion electricity accounts with the purchasing power equal to or better than the largest commercial/industrial customer." said Ross Perry, SRPEDD's Director of Municipal Partnerships and CPO.

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8:30 AM – The Folklorist
9:00 AM – The Register's Report
9:30 AM – The Children's Corner
10:00 AM – Expedition New England
10:30 AM – NASA 360
11:00 AM – Senior Stretch
11:30 AM – Jazzercise
Noon – Midday Movie
1:30 PM – Reeling – The Movie Review Show
2:00 PM – Euromaxx
3:00 PM – Focus On Europe
3:30 PM - Tomorrow Today
4:00 PM – Senior Scene
4:30 PM - The Fox Robbins Business Show
5:00 PM – Physician Focus
5:30 PM – Money Talk
6:00 PM – Living Healthy with the Woman in You
6:30 PM – VNA Health Highlights
7:00 PM – Reeling – The Movie Review Show
7:30 PM – Become Your Own Gym
8:00 PM – What's Linda Cooking?
8:30 PM – South Coast Rail Conference 2014
9:30 PM – The Chico and BMan Show
10:00 PM – Investigators of the Unknown
11:00 PM – The Mario and Dennis Show
11:30 PM – The Steve Katsos Show

Friday April 24 2015
7:30 AM – Fast Forward
7:30 AM – The Song
8:00 AM – Around BCC
8:30 AM – Future Talk
9:00 AM – Senior Scene
9:30 AM – Bioneers by the Bay
10:30 AM – Melissa's Menu
11:00 AM – Senior Stretch
11:30 AM – Jazzercise
Noon – Midday Movie
1:30 PM – Your Money Your Life
2:00 PM – Money Talk
2:30 PM – The Commonwealth Report with Sen. Marc Pacheco
3:00 PM - Explore
3:30 PM - Global 3000
4:00 PM – Focus on Europe
4:30 PM – Euromaxx
5:00 PM – Marion Natural History Museum – Sharks!
6:00 PM – History of the Beatles with Jim Cushman
7:00 PM – Legal Ease
7:30 PM – 30 Odd Minutes
8:00 PM – Mario and Dennis Show
8:30 PM – Buzzard's Bay Action Committee
9:30 PM – Graceful Aging
10:00 PM – Making a Killing
11:00 PM – Investigators of the Unknown

Saturday April 25, 2015
6:30 AM – Classic Cartoon Festival
8:30 AM – NASA 360
9:00 AM – I Can Be Me
9:30 PM - The Children's Corner
10:00 AM – Painting Journeys
11:00 AM – The Mario and Dennis Show
11:30 AM – What's Linda Cooking?
Noon – ORR Boys Basketball
1:00 PM – The Steve Katsos Show – 5th Anniversary Special
2:30 PM – UMass Dartmouth Transform 2020
3:00 PM – Sippican Historical Society: The Marconi Tower
4:30 PM – History of the Beatles with Jim Cushman
5:30 PM – Expedition New England
6:00 PM – Reeling – The Movie Review Show
6:30 PM - What's Linda Cooking?
7:00 PM – Tina Cooks
7:30 PM – A Culinary Journey
8:00 PM – The Song
8:30 PM – 30 Odd Minutes
9:00 PM – Penny Dreadful's Shilling Shockers
11:00 PM – Europe in Concert

Sunday April 26, 2015
6:30 AM – Words of Peace
7:00 AM – Second Coming Church
8:00 AM – How Can We Keep From Singing?
9:30 AM - First Congregational Church of Rochester
11:00 AM – The Riverside Church of Wareham with Dr. Gomes
11:30 AM – The Register's Report
Noon – Sippican Historical Society: Political Polarization
1:30 PM – Buzzard Bay Action Committee
2:30 PM - First Congregational Church of Rochester
4:00 PM – ORR Boys Basketball
5:00 PM – Music and the Spoken Word
5:30 PM – The Riverside Church of Wareham with Dr. Gomes
6:00 PM – The Sippican Historical Society Oral History Project
9:00 PM – The Steve Katsos Show – 5th Anniversary Special
11:00 PM – Words of Peace
11:30 PM – The Steve Katsos Show

Monday April 27, 2015
7:30 AM – The Mass Factor
8:00 AM – Euromaxx
8:30 AM – Your Money Your Life
9:00 AM – The Commonwealth Report with Sen. Marc Pacheco
9:30 AM – The Dr. Is In
10:00 AM – VNA Health Highlights
10:30 AM – Tomorrow and Today
11:00 AM – Senior Stretch
11:30 AM – Jazzercise
Noon – Midday Movie
1:30 PM – Books and the World
2:00 PM – Physician Focus
2:30 PM – Hollywood Makeover
3:00 PM - Explore
3:30 PM – Earth Focus
4:00 PM – Focus on Europe
4:30 PM – Global 3000
5:00 PM - The Register's Report
5:30 PM - Reeling – The Movie Review Show
6:00 PM – What's Linda Cooking?
6:30 PM – In the Spotlight with Sam Sutter
7:00 PM – Tabor Boy – 100 Years at Sea
8:30 PM – Expedition New England
9:00 PM – National Parks Service
9:30 PM – Four Deep Sports
10:30 PM – Life Matters
11:00 PM – The David Pakman Show

Tuesday April 28, 2015
7:00 AM – In Focus
7:30 AM – Sippican Historical Society - The Mary Celeste
8:00 AM – The Language of Business
8:30 AM – Cooking With Marie
9:00 AM – What's Linda Cooking?
9:30 AM – The Register Report
10:00 AM – Fast Forward
10:30 AM – Melissa Menu
11:00 AM – Senior Stretch
11:30 AM – Jazzercise
Noon – Midday Movie
1:30 PM – In the Fight
2:00 PM – Tabor Boy – 100 Years at Sea
3:00 PM – Words of Peace
3:30 PM - The Sippican Historical Society Oral History Project
4:00 PM - The Song
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7:00 PM – The Mass Factor
7:30 PM – The Language of Business
8:00 PM – Painting Journey's
9:00 PM – Upper Cape Tech Careers
9:30 PM – The Register's Report
10:00 PM – The Dr. Is In
10:30 PM – Reeling – The Movie Review Show
11:00 pm – The National Parks Service Presents
11:30 PM - Mario & Dennis Show

Wednesday April 29, 2015
7:00 AM – Creating Cooperative Kids
8:00 AM – Around BCC
8:30 AM – Expedition New England
9:00 AM – The Folklorist
9:30 AM - Hollywood Make Over
10:00 AM – Melissa's Menu
10:30 AM - Living Healthy with the Woman in You
11:00 AM – Senior Stretch
11:30 AM – Jazzercise
Noon – Midday Movie
2:00 PM – Books and the World
3:00 PM - Sci-Fi Journal
4:00 PM – The David Pakman Show
5:00 PM – Money Talk
5:30 PM – Hollywood Makeover
6:00 PM – Tomorrow and Today
6:30 PM – Buzzard Bay Action Committee
7:30 PM – Euromaxx
8:00 PM – History of the Beatles with Jim Cushman
9:00 PM – South Coast Rail Conference 2014
10:00 PM – In The Fight
10:30 PM – Life Matters
11:00 PM – 30 Odd Minutes
11:30 PM – Future Talk

MARION GOVERNMENT
Comcast Channel 95
Verizon Channel 39
Daily Schedule
7:00 AM - Latest Marion School Committee Meeting
9:15 AM - Latest Marion Conservation Commission
10:30 AM – Latest Planning Board Meeting
1:30 PM - Latest Board of Selectmen Meeting
3:00 PM - Latest Marion School Committee Meeting
5:30 PM - Latest Board of Selectmen Meeting
7:00 PM - Latest Planning Board Meeting
10:00 PM - Latest Marion Conservation Commission

ROCHESTER GOVERNMENT
Comcast Channel 95
Verizon Channel 40
Daily Schedule
8:00 AM - Latest Rochester School Committee Meeting
10:00 AM - Latest Planning Board Meeting
11:30 AM – Rochester Commercial District Forum
1:00 PM - Latest Board of Selectmen Meeting
2:30 PM – Rochester Commercial District Forum
4:00 PM - Latest Rochester School Committee Meeting
6:00 PM - Latest Board of Selectmen Meeting
8:00 PM – Latest Planning Board Meeting

EDUCATION CHANNEL
Comcast Channel 97
Verizon Channel 37
Daily Schedule
7:55 AM – ORR District School Committee Meeting
9:15 AM – Dennis Reynolds "Happy" Music Video
9:25 AM – ORR Best Practice Protocols and Methods for ELL Students
10:15 AM – ORRHS Bulldog TV
11:40 AM – ORRHS TV Production Studio PSA's
11:45 AM – Dennis Reynolds "Happy" Music Video
11:50 AM - FORM Instrumental Concert
12:55 PM - FORM Choral Concert
1:55 PM – Katie Brown Educational Program
2:50 PM – ORRJHS PBIS Assembly – MOBY Science Program
3:05 PM – ORR Boys Basketball
3:50 PM – ORR Boys Basketball
4:55 PM – ORRJHS Mock Jury
5:20 PM – Center School – Mrs. Tomon's 2nd Grade Creative Biographies
5:55 PM – Sippican School Make Believe Day
6:10 PM – ORRJHS The Little Mermaid
7:10 PM – Sippican School All School Meeting
7:40 PM – ORRJHS Mock Jury
8:10 PM – TV Production Studio Demos
8:35 PM – ORR District School Committee Meeting

MATTAPOISETT GOVERNMENT
Comcast Channel 95
Verizon Channel 38

SHERMAN'S LAGOON
by J.P. Toomey

After a competitive selection process, SRPEDD selected Good Energy L.P. as the aggregation consultant to develop, implement and manage the SRPEDD Community Electricity Aggregation. Good Energy will develop the aggregation documents including the aggregation plan, the public outreach and education plan and the electric services agreement; guide the plans through a very comprehensive Department of Energy Resources consultation period and Department of Public Utilities review and approval process; conduct a very competitive bid for electric supply; manage the opt-out period and monitor and manage the aggregation plan for the term of the electric services agreement.

The Marion Selectmen are looking forward to presenting the Community Electricity Aggregation (CEA) program to the voters. The CEA should help reduce electric bills on an annual basis, provide budget stability through purchase contracts that may cover 12-36 months and allow residents more choice in the amount of green or alternative energy they use.

The SRPEDD Community Electricity Aggregation is a voluntary program. All participants will have the ability to opt-out at any time without paying any termination charges.

ORR Seniors Upcoming Event Schedule

The following schedule is provided to help you plan for the end of year activities for seniors.

MILESTONES

ANNIVERSARIES • BIRTHS • ENGAGEMENTS • OBITUARIES • WEDDINGS • SPECIAL EVENTS

Obituaries:

Jeffrey Mark Stopka, 58, formerly of Rochester, MA, passed away suddenly on Friday, April 10, 2015 at his home.

Jeffrey was born in Acushnet, Massachusetts on March 17, 1957 to Henry Stopka and the late Nancy Lake Stopka. He was employed by the United States Air Force as the manager of the base commissary. Jeffrey was also retired from the United States Army Reserve and served one year in Iraq. He was an avid New England sports fan and also had a great love for Nascar Racing and for cooking.

A service celebrating Jeffrey's life was held on Wednesday, April 15, 2015 in the chapel of Seymour Funeral Home.

In addition to his father, Jeffrey is survived by his wife, Marites Stopka; son Jethro; brother, Steve Stopka of Rochester, MA; sister, Deborah Veary and husband Kenneth of Rochester, MA; brother, Gary Stopka and wife Anne of Rochester, MA, and sister, Jennifer (Jenny) Thomas and companion, Dennis Lynch of Fairhaven, MA; and several nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be given to St. Jude Children's Hospital. 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.seymourfuneralhome.com.

Marie A. (Berardi) Bourdon, 63, of Mattapoisett died April 9, 2015 at New Bedford Rehabilitation Hospital after a long illness.

She was the wife of Robert W. Bourdon.

Born in Newton, MA, the daughter of the late Augusto and Mary (Rufo) Berardi, she was raised in Watertown before moving to Mattapoisett in 1978.

Mrs. Bourdon was a communicant of St. Anthony's Church in Mattapoisett.

She was active in Girl Scouts and school activities when her children were young.

Survivors include her husband; 2 daughters, Jennifer Bourdon of Mattapoisett and Kathleen Barnes of Gatlinburg, TX; a brother, William Berardi and his wife Mary Ann of Holliston, MA; a sister, Janet Sanuik and her husband Chet of Milford, MA; a grandson, Jordan Barnes; and several nieces and nephews.

Her Funeral Mass was celebrated on Tuesday, April 21st in St. Anthony's Church. Burial followed in the Massachusetts National Cemetery. Arrangements were in the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Road, Route 6, Mattapoisett. In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made to the American Diabetes Association, 10 Speen St., Framingham, MA 01701. For guestbook, please visit www.saundersdwyer.com.

David Carey Shanks, 75, of Vero Beach, FL, peacefully passed away April 8, 2015 in Vero Beach. Born August 2, 1939 in Indianapolis, IN, he was the elder son of John Amos Shanks and Jane Marie Griesser. Dave is survived by his beloved wife, Rosalie Shadle Shanks.

Additional survivors include his daughter, Nanon Shanks Olson (Carl Frederick Olson), of Marietta, GA, their three children: Kyle Gustav Olson, David Hayward Olson and Elizabeth Leas Olson, and his son, Andrew MacPherran Shanks (Keri Lester Shanks), of Woodbridge, VA, and their daughter, Elizabeth Lynn Shanks.

He was preceded in death by his devoted wife of 49 years, Cynthia Worcester Shanks, and his daughter, Kirsten Conant Shanks, survived by her husband, Brendan Michael Halpin, and daughter, Rowen Shanks Halpin, of Jamaica Plain, MA. His brother, George Warren Shanks (Janice Butler Shanks), of Front Royal, VA, and sister, Susan Florence Biel, of Gainesville, FL, also survive.

Dave graduated from Cornell University in 1962 with a BME, followed with an MBA from the University of Delaware in 1968. During his Cornell years, Dave was a member of the Cornell crew team and the Sherwoods, a men's a Capella singing group.

His distinguished career spanned 38 years and included positions with the DuPont Corporation in Wilmington, DE and Eastern Airlines in New York City. In 1974 he joined Arthur D. Little in Cambridge, MA. He began in manufacturing consulting, later shifted to business strategy. Dave became VP and Managing Director of the New England Region of ADL and served on its Board.

In 1997 he joined Sunoco, Inc. in Philadelphia as VP of Human Resources, Public Affairs and Strategic Planning, retiring in 2000.

In retirement, Dave briefly ran his own firm, Silvershell Consulting, in Marion, MA, named for the beach in front of his home. He sailed, golfed, read voraciously, took piano lessons for the second time, sang in several groups, and became a certified scuba diver.

Somehow in this busy life, Dave always made quality time for his family and friends. Relationships were priceless to him.

He belonged to various organizations: Phi Kappa Psi Chapter at Cornell University, Algonquin Club in Cambridge, MA; Beverly Yacht Club and the Sippican Choral Society in Marion, MA; Country Club of New Bedford, MA; Springhaven Club in Wallingford, PA; and Orchid Island Golf and

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Monday, **May 11**: Locker clean-out/inspection day for seniors during homeroom. Homeroom will be extended for five minutes.

Thursday, **May 14**: Senior Breakfast; first block; location Marion VFW. All seniors will be in Block 2 classes. Teachers: If a senior is absent from Block 2, please send their name to the main office. All library books, out-of-season athletic equipment must be returned for all seniors. All outstanding obligations regarding fees and parking tags must be settled at this time.

Tuesday, **May 19** and Wednesday, **May 20**: Last two days of classes for seniors. Teachers should complete "Student Holds" for any outstanding equipment (books, calculators, etc.). Holds should be submitted to the Main Office by May 27 at 11:00 am. Any holds after that time should be placed in Mike Devoll's Mailbox. We will not be using "Sign-Out" sheets this year. Senior Picnic: Wednesday, May 20; Seniors will be dismissed at the end of Block 2; yearbooks will be distributed during picnic.

Thursday, **May 21** through Thursday, **May 28:** Senior final exams will be held in their classrooms. Please report on time for all exams. Students missing exams will be expected to make that exam up during Thursday's makeup period. The order of blocks will be different for all students on May 26 and 27. Students late to a final exam will not be admitted. Students need permission in advance from the principal to take an exam during the makeup sessions.

Tuesday, **June 2**: Promenade (line up at 4:15 pm); Senior Prom: Doors open at 6:30 pm; dancing until 11:00 pm.

Thursday, **June 4**: Graduation Rehearsal at 9:00 am. Senior Awards Night: Ceremony begins at 7:00 pm. Students arrive by 6:00 pm (gown only, do not bring caps). Students are to park at the Junior High School. This program will be held in the gymnasium. Attendance is mandatory unless excused by the Principal. We encourage all students to invite their parents to this special senior event. Please press gown and wear for Senior Awards Night.

Dress Code for Senior Events: Dress code for Senior Awards Night, Senior Assembly, and Graduation: No jeans, shorts, or sneakers. Gentlemen should wear dark pants, a collared shirt with tie, and shoes. Ladies should wear appropriate dress and shoes. In addition, no sunglasses or purses will be allowed.

Friday, **June 5**: Senior Last Assembly: 9:15 - 10:38 am in the gymnasium. Block 1: 7:38 - 8:20 am (42 minutes); Block 2: 8:26 - 9:09 am (43 minutes). Seniors are to arrive and report to the auditorium no later than 8:30 am. Gowns, no caps, are mandatory. Proper footwear and dress is to be worn. Underclassmen will leave belongings in Block 2 classroom or locker.

Saturday, **June 6**, Graduation, 12:00 pm. Students arrive at school at 11:00 am. Students are to park at the Junior High School. Report to gym to pick up flowers.

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Beach Club, Orchid, FL. He was affiliated with the First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church in Wayland, MA, First Congregational Church, Marion, MA, Big Canoe Chapel, Big Canoe, GA, and the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Vero Beach.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in his memory to the "National Blood Clot Alliance": www. StopTheClot.org or a charity of your choice.

Services will be held in Vero Beach, FL at 2pm, Sunday, May 24 Orchid Island Golf and Beach Club and in Marion, MA, at Noon on Saturday, July 11 in Tabor Academy's Wickenden Chapel.

Roy H. Rehbein, 88, of Marion, died Sunday, April 12, 2015 at Kindred Transitional Care at Forestview. He was the husband of Edith (Barrows) Rehbein.

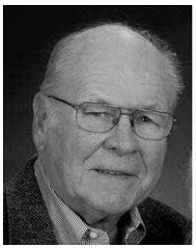
Born in Miami, FL, he was the son of the late Bernice (Richardson) and Roy H. Rehbein, Sr. Mr. Rehbein lived in Hopedale for many years before moving to Marion in 1998.

Mr. Rehbein was employed as textile engineer for the former Draper Corp. of Hopedale. He also served as an auxiliary police officer on the Hopedale Police Department. Mr. Rehbein was a World War II Army veteran serving from 1944 to 1948. He was a member of the Benjamin D. Cushing V.F.W. Post # 2425 in Marion.

Survivors include his wife, Edith of Marion; four sons, Craig Rehbein, Scott Rehbein and Christopher Rehbein all of Marion and Glenn Rehbein of Whitinsville; one daughter, Karen Holmes of Cooper, ME and his granddaughter Kara Rehbein.

A graveside service will be held on Thurs., Apr. 23, 2015 at 1 pm. at the Mass. National Cemetery, Bourne. Visiting hours have been omitted.

Donations in his memory may be made to Disabled American Veterans, P.O. Box 14301, Cincinnati, OH 45250.



James F. Braden, age 83, died on April 2, 2015. Late of Olympia Fields, formerly of Mattapoisett, MA. Beloved son of the late James Braden and Alfreida nee Peterson. Beloved husband of Joan Braden nee Griffin for 58 years. Dear father of Colleen (Louis) Garafalo, James D., John (Julia), Brian and Katie Braden. Cherished grandfather of Evan and Brendan Garafalo, Caroline, Jack, Jessica and James Braden. Loving brother of the late Eugene Braden.

Jim was a graduate of the University of Connecticut receiving a degree in Mechanical Engineering. He was a life time member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers and Fastener Standard Committee. Jim co-authored an Engineering Text book, "Mechanical Fastening of Plastics". He served in the US Navy as a photographer aboard the USS Midway Aircraft carrier and was also stationed at the Photo Interpretation Center in Washington D.C.

Jim was an active member of the Infant Jesus of Prague Church community. Jim also enjoyed sailing, canoeing, and photography. He was an active member of the Rochester Youth Hockey program and a member of the Mattapoisett Lions Club.

His funeral was held on Saturday, April 11th, at Infant Jesus of Prague Church, Flossmoor. Interment was private at family lot. Memorials to charity of your choice.

Robert "Bobby Bass" Bastarache, 66, of Acushnet died Saturday April 18, 2015 at home after a short illness surrounded by his family. He was the husband of Louise Racine Bastarache.

Born in Acushnet, the son of the late Joseph Louis and Anna (Leblanc) Bastarache, he lived in New Bedford before moving to Acushnet.

He was a communicant of St. Rose of Lima Church.

Mr. Bastarache was a well-known blacksmith throughout the area for many years. He and his wife formerly owned and operated Earth's Partner Store in Marion.

He was a graduate of California Polytechincal School as a farrier.

Survivors include his wife, Louise; his children, Eileen Bastarache Pereira and her husband Robert of Marion, Bonnie DaCosta and her husband Mark of Rochester, Rachel Bastarache, Thomas Bastarache, and Rebecca Bastarache, all of Acushnet; his siblings, Joseph Louis Bastarache of North Carolina and Rita Robert and her husband Leo of Pennsylvania; five granchildren, Elizabeth Bastarache, Robert and Emma DaCosta, and Aaron and Ana Pereira; and many nieces and nephews.

He was the grandfather of the late Noah DaCosta.

His Funeral will be held on Thursday April 23, 2015 at 9 AM from the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Rd., Route 6, Mattapoisett, followed by his Funeral Mass at St. Rose of Lima Church, Rochester at 10 AM. Burial will be in Center Cemetery. Visiting hours will be on Wednesday April 22, 2015 from 5-8 PM. In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made to the Franciscan Sisters, St. Anthony's Convent, 106 Bullard St., New Bedford, MA 02746. For directions and guestbook, please visit www.saundersdwyer.com.

Memorial service for **John Lockwood** will be held on Saturday, May 2nd at 1pm at the Mattapoisett Congregational Church, 27 Church St.

Attendance is mandatory unless excused by the Principal. If an indoor graduation is required due to inclement weather, seniors are to report to the library.

Graduation Ticket Information: There will be six graduation tickets issued to each graduate. Students not needing six tickets are asked to let Mrs. Durocher know so that these additional tickets may be used by other families who have additional seating needs. Families needing more than six tickets should contact Mrs. Durocher and make their request known as soon as possible. Additional tickets will be assigned on a first-come, first-serve basis. Parents are able to call the school on Friday, May 29 to request additional tickets. With an outdoor graduation, unlimited seating is available on a first come, first serve basis.

Healthy Kids Day

On Saturday, **April 25**, YMCA Southcoast is holding a free community event to inspire more kids to keep their minds and bodies active at the Fall River YMCA, Gleason Family YMCA in Wareham, and the New Bedford YMCA. YMCA's Healthy Kids Day®, the Y's national initiative to improve health and well-being for kids and families, features activities such as swimming, exercise, games, healthy cooking demonstrations, arts and crafts to motivate and teach families how to develop a healthy routine at home.

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Movie Review

Alien Landscape

By Rob Gonsalves
www.robsmovievault.com

***Dark Star: H.R. Giger's World.* Directed by Belinda Sallin. Running time: 95 minutes. At the Cable Car Cinema in Providence starting May 15.**

Some artists seem to have popped in from another dimension to show us what life looks like over there. They don't appear to have any readily identifiable influences; one looks at their work and wonders where the hell it came from, how someone could start with a blank space and come up with ... *that.* Picasso is one such artist; so is Jack Kirby, in the realm of comics; and then there's H.R. Giger. A Swiss maestro of airbrushed surrealism, Giger etched his name in film history when he designed the creature in *Alien.* Suddenly, the relatively unknown artist's name was synonymous with "biomechanical" and "psychosexual dread." Giger's bizarro-erotic nightmares won him a legion of fans and inspired a slew of artists, musicians, and tattoo artists. Some people have Giger's work tattooed onto their skin; some have his autograph tattooed onto them; some have his *face* tattooed onto them.

Belinda Sallin's documentary *Dark Star,* which finished shooting not long before Giger's death last year at age 74, is a bit unconventional in that it doesn't walk you through an *A&E Biography*-style synopsis of the man's life. We don't see photos of little Hans Rudolf Giger scampering around his back yard. We don't know how he got started as an artist, or how his style developed, if indeed it *did* develop and didn't just come out that way naturally. The movie comes across as a last visit with Giger, whose gait has been slowed and speech thickened by time but whose eyes still twinkle with mischievous spirit. We meet various people in his sphere, including an ex-wife and an assistant. They all help him deal with his paperwork and his massive collection of art and books -- he's a bit of a hoarder. A couple of the rooms in his mazelike Zurich house look like the rooms cluttered with chicken remains and human bones in *The Texas Chainsaw Massacre*, except here the remains are just art.

The movie talks a little about Giger's first wife, who killed herself in 1975, and whose fate is still a raw wound for Giger. Perhaps understandably, Sallin doesn't engage with the long-standing rumor that Giger had his late wife's skeleton stripped by carpet beetles and installed in his home. Then again, the tragedy is about the only whisper of darkness in *Dark Star.* Giger is surrounded by people who love and admire him. He's turned his home into every creative person's dream, including a sort of ghost train in his garden, which tracks through a variety of Giger-esque visions of birth. He even has the prerequisite standoffish cat ("Muggi III") who has the run of the place. The movie is an appreciation but not really an investigation into Giger's life or work or the connection between the two.

Sometimes a more conventional documentary can answer questions. I was curious to what extent, if any, Giger's dark biomechanical sensibility was forged by growing up in Europe during wartime (Switzerland was famously neutral in WWII, but was bombed multiple times anyway by the Allies due to its closeness to Axis countries). I'm still curious. If you always wanted to watch Giger sign autographs or sit in meetings, *Dark Star* will be your jam. You do get to see some vintage footage of him at work with his airbrush, or on the set of *Alien,* though you'd think that was the only movie he ever worked on. (His alien from *Species* is referred to obliquely, but there's no mention of, say, *Poltergeist II* or Alejandro Jodorowsky's infamously aborted *Dune*.)

In brief, *Dark Star* is an object for Giger fans, not an argument for why he *has* fans. It's made to be shelved alongside his *Necronomicon* and the *Alien* box set; it doesn't bother cozying up to the uninitiated. Which is its right, I guess, but as a casual admirer of his work, I didn't learn much, nor did the sight and sound of an obviously pained Giger make me feel especially good about gaining access to his "world." At times, the camera seems intrusive, tracking him as he makes his halting way between shelves that groan under the weight of art books, or recording his slurred speech (stroke? mouth cancer?) as he speaks about his late wife. The film gets close when we don't want it to, and vice versa.

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In celebration of YMCA's Healthy Kids Day, the Y offers the following tips to help families develop healthy habits:

- *Try, try, repeat.* There are many great tasting fruits and vegetables that many kids have never heard of, let alone tried. Grab a new fruit or vegetable and encourage everyone in the family to try at least a bite.
- *Play around town.* Challenge the family to play on a different playground every week. Identify playgrounds at a variety of parks; expand definitions of playgrounds to include nature trails, a nearby stream, and a bike path.
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TriTown Happenings

On Wednesday, April 15, Sippican School held its annual 6th grade students vs. staff basketball game. We also had a special visit from a few of our ORR Bulldog state champs! Thank you, boys, for joining us for a good time had by all. Photos by Jean Roseman and Meg Taylor

The boys' and girl's track team kicked off their season with a strong opening win against Fairhaven. The boy's team scored 88 points to Fairhaven's 43 while the girl's team scored 116 to 20 points for Fairhaven. Photos by Colin Veitch

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YMCA Southcoast's Healthy Kids Day takes place at the Fall River YMCA, Gleason Family YMCA in Wareham, and the New Bedford YMCA from 11:00 am - 2:00 pm and features fun, active play and educational activities. As an incentive to become a new Y member, YMCA Southcoast will be waiving the joiner fee on all new memberships and a free swim lesson voucher will be given on family memberships.

For more information, visit ymcasouthcoast.org.

Nemasket Group 5K Walk/Run

The Nemasket Group 5K Walk/Run will be held on Sunday, **May 3**. The race begins and ends at our 56 Bridge St., Fairhaven, MA location. Dust off your sneakers and join us for a morning of fun as we wind through Fairhaven Village for a great cause. Coming together as a community and making new friends while raising awareness for individuals with disabilities is a sure win for all. The first 200 registrants will receive a T-shirt.

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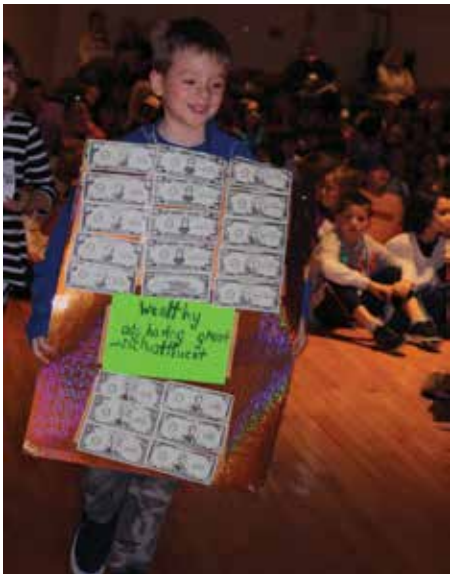

Sippican School on April 16 celebrated its annual Vocabulary Day, with students dressed as their chosen vocabulary word presenting its definition before the entire school at the all-school meeting that afternoon. Photos by Jean Perry

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3rd Annual Ballroom & Line Dancing Party

There will be a Ballroom & Line Dancing Party on Saturday, **May 2** from 7:00 to 11:00 pm at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 57 Fairhaven Road, Route 6, in Mattapoisett. Music is provided by Dave Valerio; all proceeds benefit the Mattapoisett Council on Aging.

Free parking and light refreshments are included. Tickets at the door are $25 per person; tickets purchased prior to April 26 are $20. Reserved table seating is available by advanced payment and is on a first-come, first-reserved basis.

This fundraiser is hosted by the Friends of the Mattapoisett Council on Aging. Door prizes are awarded and a silent auction is part of the party. For more information and tickets, please contact Jo Pannell at 508-758-2654.

Rochester Tax Notice

Rochester's 2016 tax bills were mailed March 25 and are due **May 1**.

If paying by personal online banking allow sufficient time for the bank to generate a check and mail it to the Town. Please supply sufficient information on the check identifying which bill should be credited.

If you have not received your tax bill in the mail, please contact the Collector's Office at 508-763-3871 ext. 16 or 10. If you have questions regarding property values and abatements, please contact the Assessor's office at 508-763-5250.

"Mad Hatter Tea Party" for Kids!

ONE Theater Group, Inc. will be hosting a "Mad Hatter Tea Party" for kids on Saturday, **April 25** from 1:00 - 3:00 pm at the Fairhaven Town Hall Auditorium located at 40 Center Street.

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Tri-Town Police Logs

MARION

Log highlights April 12–April 18

- Mill St – Health/welfare
- Mill St – Medical emergency
- Mill St – Medical emergency
- Point Rd – Noise complaint
- County Rd – Medical emergency
- Mill St – Medical emergency
- Mill St – Medical emergency
- Front St – Medical emergency
- Mill St – Medical emergency
- Washburn Park Rd – Medical emergency
- South St – Medical emergency
- Shady Ln - Fraud
- Mill St – Abandoned 911
- Front St – Follow up investigation
- Holmes St – Officer wanted
- Main St – Medical emergency
- Mill St – Medical emergency
- Mill St – Medical emergency
- Mill St – Medical emergency
- Parkway Ln – Health/welfare
- Front St – Officer wanted
- Mill St – Medical emergency
- Mill St – Medical emergency
- Mill St – Medical emergency
- Wareham Rd – Medical emergency
- Beach St – Medical emergency
- Delano Rd – Health/welfare
- Wareham Rd – Medical emergency
- Cove Cir – Gunshots reported

MATTAPOISETT

Log highlights April 12–April 18

- Richard III's Ln – Health/welfare
- County Rd – Follow up investigation
- Acushnet Rd – 911 call
- Acushnet Rd - Complaint
- Tara Rd – Officer wanted
- Shore Dr – Harassing phone calls
- County Rd – MV crash
- Church St – Assist citizen
- County Rd - Larceny/forgery/fraud
- Marion Rd – Search warrant
- Tinkham Hill Rd – Fire/brush
- Marion Rd - Overdose
- North St – Fire/other
- Brandt Island Rd – Health/welfare
- Acushnet Rd – 911 call
- Melissa Anne Ln - Vandalism
- Long Plain Rd -Vandalism
- Acushnet Rd – Larceny/forgery/fraud
- Long Plain Rd – Larceny/forgery
- Fairhaven Rd – Medical assist
- Randall Rd - Disturbance
- Old Rd to Pine Island – Domestic
- Acushnet Rd – Medical assist
- Marion Rd – Health/welfare
- Marion Rd - Disturbance
- Marion Rd – Health/welfare
- Marion Rd – 911 abandoned
- Fairhaven Rd – MV crash
- North St – Health/welfare

ROCHESTER

Log highlights April 12–April 18

- Mendell Rd – MV stop/arrest
- Marion Rd – Fire/other
- Mattapoisett Rd – Officer wanted
- Dexter Ln – Officer wanted
- Walnut Plain Rd – Ambulance request
- High St – Investigation/follow up
- Neck Rd – Officer wanted
- High St – Noise complaint
- Gerrish Rd – MV accident
- High St – Paper service
- Walnut Plain Rd – Officer wanted
- Marys Pond Rd – MV accident
- Sarah Sherman Rd - Complaint
- Haskell Ridge Rd – Illegal dumping
- Bassett St – Suspicious person
- Cushman Rd – Officer wanted
- Hiller Rd - Vandalism
- North Ave – Assist other agency
- Marys Pond Rd – MV stop/arrest
- Marion Rd – Fire/brush
- Hathaway Pond Cir – Fire/brush
- Quaker Ln – Fire/other
- Marion Rd – Officer wanted
- Robinson Rd – MV accident
- Walnut Plain Rd – Assist other agency
- New Bedford Rd – Fire/brush
- Alley Rd – Fire/other
- Rounseville Rd – MV stop/arrest
- Negus Way – Suspicious MV

For a full PDF of the three town's police logs from the past week, including arrest reports, visit www.Wanderer.com.

Regional Lunch Menus

COASTLINE ELDERLY NUTRITION PROGRAM

Monday, April 27: Beef patty w/ gravy, whipped potato, chuckwagon veggies, oatmeal roll, peaches
Tuesday, April 28: Shaved steak, peppers & onions, O'Brien potatoes, 6" sub roll, pineapple
Wednesday, April 29: Rigatoni w/ meat sauce, Italian blend veggies, scali bread, mini cheesecake, diet: SF pudding
Thursday, April 30: Unsalted saltines, white bean & kale soup, honey mustard chicken, confetti rice, wheat roll, fresh apple
Friday, May 1: Salmon w/teriyaki sauce, whipped potato, peas & mushrooms, multigrain bread, vanilla pudding, diet: SF pudding

CENTER SCHOOL

Monday, April 27: Tangerine chicken, vegetable "fried" rice, roasted broccoli w/garlic, fortune cookie, fruit, milk.
Tuesday, April 28: Taco Tuesday! Seasoned ground beef, cheese, lettuce, tomato, salsa, refried beans, rice, fruit, milk
Wednesday, April 29: Stuffed crust pizza, fresh veggie sticks w/dressing, fruit, milk
Thursday, April 30: Pancakes or breakfast wraps, light sausage, roasted potato rounds, berries w/whipped topping, maple syrup, fruit, milk
Friday, May 1: menu not available

OLD HAMMONDTOWN

Monday, April 27: Tangerine chicken, vegetable "fried" rice, roasted broccoli w/garlic, fortune cookie, fruit, milk.
Tuesday, April 28: Taco Tuesday! Seasoned ground beef, cheese, lettuce, tomato, salsa, refried beans, rice, fruit, milk
Wednesday, April 29: Stuffed crust pizza, fresh veggie sticks w/dressing, fruit, milk
Thursday, April 30: Pancakes, roasted potato rounds, berries w/whipped topping, maple syrup, fruit, milk
Friday, May 1: menu not available

OLD ROCHESTER REGIONAL JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH

Monday, April 27: Popcorn chicken, warm bread stick, mashed potato w/ gravy, steamed corn, carrot & celery sticks, fruit, milk
Tuesday, April 28: American chop suey, parmesan cheese, Caesar salad, carrot & celery sticks, fruit, milk.
Wednesday, April 29: Build a burger: cheese, bacon, lettuce, tomato, roasted potato wedges, ketchup, mustard, carrot & celery sticks, fruit, milk
Thursday, April 30: Chicken nuggets, macaroni salad, roasted broccoli w/ garlic, carrot & celery sticks, fruit, milk
Friday, May 1: menu not available

ROCHESTER MEMORIAL

Monday, April 27: Tangerine chicken, vegetable "fried" rice, roasted broccoli w/garlic, fortune cookie, fruit, milk.
Tuesday, April 28: Taco Tuesday! Seasoned ground beef, cheese, lettuce, tomato, salsa, refried beans, rice, fruit, milk
Wednesday, April 29: Stuffed crust pizza, fresh veggie sticks w/dressing, fruit, milk
Thursday, April 30: Pancakes, roasted potato rounds, berries w/whipped topping, maple syrup, fruit, milk
Friday, May 1: menu not available

SIPPICAN SCHOOL

Monday, April 27: Tangerine chicken, vegetable "fried" rice, roasted broccoli w/garlic, fortune cookie, fruit, milk.
Tuesday, April 28: Taco Tuesday! Seasoned ground beef, cheese, lettuce, tomato, salsa, refried beans, rice, fruit, milk
Wednesday, April 29: Stuffed crust pizza, fresh veggie sticks w/dressing, fruit, milk
Thursday, April 30: Pancakes, roasted potato rounds, berries w/whipped topping, maple syrup, fruit, milk
Friday, May 1: menu not available

OLD COLONY REGIONAL

Monday, April 27: Meatball sub, chips & spinach
Tuesday, April 28: Mexican chicken bowl & corn muffin
Wednesday, April 29: Macaroni & cheese, baked beans & bread
Thursday, April 30: Sloppy Joe, fries & broccoli
Friday, May 1: Pizza & salad

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Space is limited!!! Reserve a spot by sending an email to onetheatergroup@gmail.com or calling 508-525-9972.

RLT to Hold Electronics Recycling Event

The RLT will hold an Electronics Recycling Event in conjunction with the Woman's Club at the Town Hall Annex parking lot, 37 Marion Road on Saturday, **April 25** from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.

There will be a $15 charge for TVs and $5 charge for monitors, but all other household items, computers, computer components, metal items and appliances are free with donations accepted. The company that does the recycling assesses these fees.

So take the time to clean out the sheds, the cellars and attics and bring those broken and unwanted items that have been weighing you down and get rid of them in an environmentally sound way. Consider this your Earth Day (or month) good deed. For questions, please call 508-763-4223. See you and your unwanted items on April 25.

Free Movie: Last Tuesday of the Month

The Judge (R, 2hr. 22min.) is being shown at the Mattapoisett CoA Senior Center, Center School, 17 Barstow St., on Tuesday, **April 28** at 12:00 noon. The free movie is sponsored by the Friends of the Mattapoisett CoA.

The Judge is a film about a big city lawyer, Hank Palmer, who returns to his childhood home. His estranged father is the town's judge who is suspected of murder. Hank sets out to discover the truth. Along the way, he

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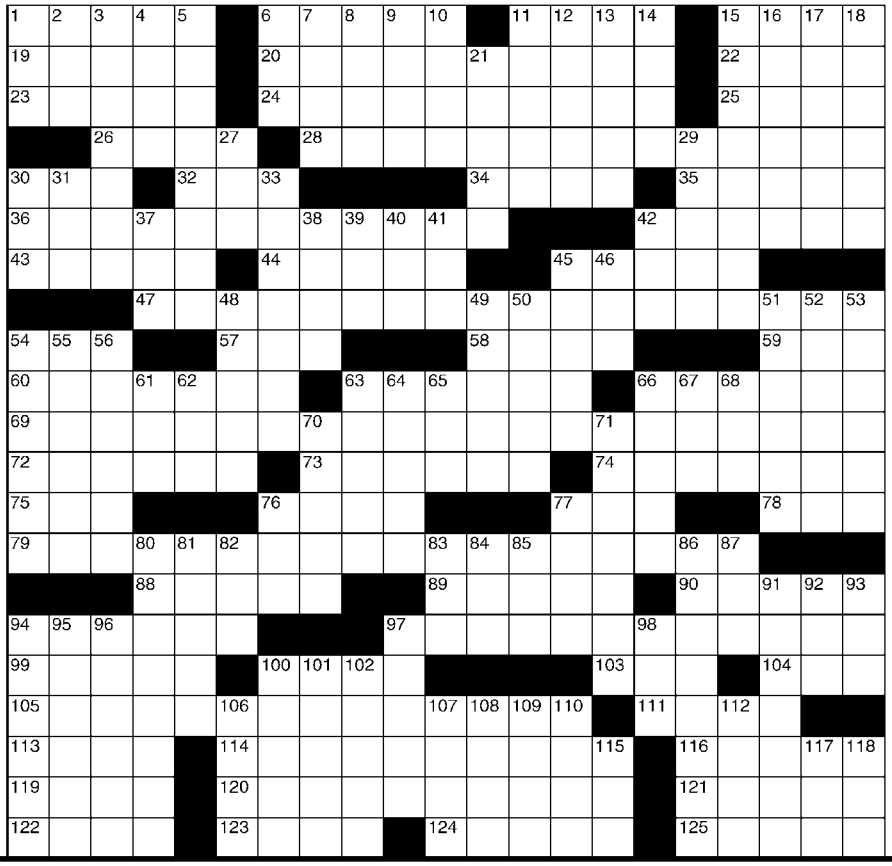
1 Emmy, e.g.
6 Explorer — Polo
11 Milne's bear
15 Hospital VIPs
19 Spanish man
20 It's made of milk, flour and butter
22 Sharing the secret of
23 "The Matrix" star Reeves
24 Unit equal to 0.338 fluid ounce
25 Knock off
26 Stage muggers
28 Beating the former best
30 4x4, briefly
32 Lousy
34 Ian Fleming's alma mater
35 Jaded
36 Online comparison shopping site
42 More nasty
43 Dance in Rio
44 Has a bawl
45 Prenatal chambers
47 Locker, e.g.
54 U.S. enlistees
57 Arrest, as a perp
58 Tiddlywink or Frisbee
59 How- — (DIYers' books)
60 Jurist Scalia
63 Novelist Graham
66 Camphor or fructose
69 Need-for-speed adage adapted from the Bible
72 Road salt
73 "It's about time!"
74 Separates after a multiplayer tackle
75 Edifice extension
76 Debate side
77 — Khan (Islamic imam)
78 Wide shoe spec
79 Building up to the loudest point
88 Parliament's House of —
89 "With a Little — Luck"
90 Piece-of-cake class
94 Fold, spindle or mutilate
97 Bottle near a salad bowl
99 Smell
100 Cannonballs and such
103 Pro-learning union: Abbr.
104 Healthful getaway
105 Backlash
111 Banks of modeling
113 Catch with one's ears
114 "Viva Las Vegas" co-star
116 Ancient Greek colony
119 — Stanley Gardner
120 Not trued up
121 Kids' caretaker
122 Changed the color of
123 Favorable votes
124 Actor Mike
125 Meal blessing that's "mixed" and hidden in seven answers in this puzzle

DOWN
1 Inquire
2 Itsy-bitsy
3 Disneyland's city
4 Barrett of gossip
5 Snare sound
6 DC doubled
7 Warlike deity
8 Thinker Descartes
9 Carrie Chapman —
10 Drop
11 Latex, e.g.
12 Money spent
13 Sailor's site
14 German man
15 Deny
16 Borrowed
17 Not smooth
18 — of Berlin (snack brand)
21 More crafty
27 Get less taut
29 Late film critic Roger
30 Happy times
31 — -la-la
33 Sitcom psychiatrist Frasier, to his patients
37 "2 Broke Girls" airer
38 Steed breed
39 Sizable
40 Comb insect
41 Key near F1
42 Sea, to Gigi
45 Flustered
46 Tic-toe link
48 Chilling, as champagne
49 Playwright Clifford
50 City in North Dakota
51 Star, in Nice
52 Having no service charge
53 — fly (African pest)
54 Congregate
55 Gobble down
56 — Artois
61 "... — will!" (threat ender)
62 — Geo Wild
63 Must, slangily
64 Holy artifact
65 José's "that"
66 "— & Kel" (teen show)
67 Psychic skill
68 Prefix with light
70 Turf groups
71 Real aficionado
76 So-so link
77 Slip — (mess up)
80 Made a racket
81 Hulk of a wrestler?
82 Furiousness
83 Slugging stat
84 Essen "a"
85 Enhaloed Fr. lady
86 Deteriorating
87 Paddled tool
91 Girl told not to cry in song
92 "Uh-huh"
93 "I'm — loss for words"
94 Ran quickly
95 Carotid, e.g.
96 A pep talk may boost it
97 Outspoken
98 Receiving a pension: Abbr.
100 Golf's Palmer, to pals
101 High-IQ crew
102 The — & the Papas
106 Like venison
107 Quick haircut
108 Punker Pop
109 Alençon's department
110 At no time, in verse
112 Mimic a tiger
115 Saints' stats
117 Yellow pages abbr.
118 Favorable vote



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SALOME'S STARS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Don't be put off by a seemingly too-tangled situation. Sometimes a simple procedure will unsnarl all the knots and get you in the clear fast and easy, just the way the Lamb likes it.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) It's a good time to go through your work space -- wherever it is -- and see what needs to be replaced and what can be tossed (or at least given away) without a second thought.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Someone who disagrees with your position might try to intimidate you. But continue to present a fair argument, regardless of how petty someone else might be while trying to make a point.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You might find yourself exceptionally sensitive to family matters this week. An issue could come to light that you had overlooked. Ask other kinfolk to discuss it with you.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) You might have more questions about a project (or perhaps someone you're dealing with on some level) than you feel comfortable with. If so, see which can be answered, which cannot, and why.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) It's a good time to clean up and clear out what you don't need before your tidy self is overwhelmed by "stuff." Then go celebrate the Virgo victory over clutter with someone special.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) You might feel a mite confused about why something you were sure couldn't go wrong didn't go all right either. Be patient. Things soon move into balance, exactly as you like it.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) At this decision point, you could be moving from side to side, just to say you're in motion. Or you could be considering making a move straight up. What you choose is up to you.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Although your finances should be in an improved situation at this time, thrift is still the savvy Sagittarian's smart move. Advice from a spouse or partner could be worth heeding.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Taking on a new challenge brings out the Goat's skills in maneuvering over and around difficult spots. Best of all, the Goat does it one careful step after another. (Got the idea, Kid?)

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Your well-known patience might be wearing thin because of a disturbing (and seemingly unending) problem with someone close to you. This could be a time to ask for help. Good luck.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Be careful about a new venture that lures you into a "just-look-and-see" mode. Be sure that what you're being given to see isn't hiding what you should be seeing instead.

BORN THIS WEEK: Aries and Taurus give you the gift of leadership and the blessings of care and concern for all creatures.

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Marion Candidates' Night

The Tri-Town League of Women Voters will hold its Annual Candidates' Night this year on Wednesday evening, **April 29** at 7:00 pm in the Music Hall at 164 Front Street. It promises to include presentations by all contested candidates with a chance to hear their views on major issues as well as a brief overview of warrant and budget items.

There are going to be four contested races this year: Selectman, Moderator, Planning Board, and Marion School Committee. For the Select Board, challenger William Dale Jones will face incumbent Jonathan "Jody" Dickerson. After 35 years of service as Moderator, David Titus will step down following this year's town meeting. Patricia A. McCardle and Matthew William Nowick will be vying for the gavel. The Planning Board race will have two openings on the ballot. Contestants will include two incumbents, Stephen Kokkins and Stephen Gonsalves, and two challengers, Jennifer Francis and Todd Richins. The Marion School Committee has two open positions on the ballot this year. Three candidates will seek to serve, including Michelle Ouellette, Jessica Harris, and David McDonald.

Two positions are unopposed: Assessor and Board of Health. Ray Pickles will seek a new three-year term on the Board of Assessors and John Howard wishes to serve on the Board of Health for another three-year term. There are no contestants for the Open Space Acquisition

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LEGAL NOTICES

TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT
PLANNING BOARD
LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Mattapoisett Planning Board will hold a public hearing on May 4th, 2015 at 7:00pm in the Conference Room at the Mattapoisett Town Hall, located at 16 Main Street, Mattapoisett-MA concerning the application of "Seven Industrial Drive, LLC." regarding the proposed Site Plan Review & Approval Application for property located at 7 Industrial Drive, shown as Lot #16 on Mattapoisett Assessors Plat #26. Proposed project; additions to two existing self-storage facilities, 7350sq.ft each x2 buildings totaling 14700sq.ft proposed. Complete plans are on file in the office of the Town Clerk and may be inspected by any interested party during normal business hours of the clerk's office. 4/16, 4/23

TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT
PLANNING BOARD
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, Section 15C, and Chapter 87, Section 3, the Mattapoisett Planning Board and the Mattapoisett Tree Warden will hold a joint public hearing during a Planning Board scheduled meeting, at the Mattapoisett Town Hall, 16 Main Street, Mattapoisett, Massachusetts at 7:00p.m. on Monday, May 4th, 2015 on the request of Town of Mattapoisett Highway Surveyor Mr. Barry Denham for a permit from the Tree Warden authorizing, and consent of the Planning Board, to cut and remove a five-(5) trees in total, four-(4) "Ash" trees and one-(1) "Maple" tree, each located on Acushnet Road, a designated Scenic Way in Town. (trees in location of Culvert at Tinkham Pond)
(Publication posted upon the Tree(s), requested to be removed). 4/16, 4/23

TOWN OF MARION
PLANNING BOARD
PUBLIC HEARING

The Marion Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on Monday May 4, 2015 at 7:20P.M. in the Main Conference Room of the Marion Town House, Two Spring Street to consider the application of Dan Crete, Saltworks Marine, LLC. The application is for a Special Permit under Section 4.1 and 4.2 of the Marion Zoning Bylaws c/o N. Douglas Schneider & Associates, Inc to allow construction of commercial building(s) with a total gross floor area greater than 5,000 sq. ft. For the intended use of boat storage, sales and general repair - maintenance

The property is located at 291 Wareham Street and is further identified on Marion Assessor's Map as Plat 11, Lot 79A.
Stephen J. Kokkins, Chairman
Norm A. Hills, Vice-Chairman 4/16, 4/23

TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT
WATERWAYS APPLICATION
PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice of License Application Pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 91
Waterways License Application Number W15-4368
Julie M. Starr-Duker
NOTIFICATION DATE: April 23, 2015

Public notice is hereby given of the waterways application by Julie M. Starr-Duker to construct and maintain a pier, gangway, float and float piles at 112 Aucoot Road, in the municipality of Mattapoisett, in and over flowed tidelands of Aucoot Cove. The proposed project has been determined to be water-dependent.

The Department will consider all written comments on this Waterways application received within 30 days subsequent to the "Notification Date". Failure of any aggrieved person or group of ten citizens or more to submit written comments to the Waterways Regulation Program by the Public Comment Deadline will result in the waiver of any right to an adjudicatory hearing in accordance with 310 CMR 9.13(4)(c).

Additional information regarding this application may be obtained by contacting the Waterways Regulation Program at (508) 946-2748. Project plans and documents for this application are on file with the Waterways Regulation Program for public viewing, by appointment only, at the address below.

Written comments must be addressed to: Carlos T.B. Fragata, Environmental Analyst, DEP Waterways Regulation Program, 20 Riverside Drive, Lakeville, MA 02347. 4/23

TOWN OF MARION
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
LEGAL NOTICE CASE #702

The Marion Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 14, 2015, in the Main Conference Room of the Marion Town House, on the application of Sid Bowen & Angela Watson for a Variance under section 5.1.C of the zoning by-law to allow the existing garage to be replaced with a new garage.

The property, located at 16 Vine Street, is further identified on Assessors' Plan 16 as Lot 135.
Zoning Board of Appeals
Eric V. Pierce, Chairman 4/23, 4/30

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PLANNING BOARD
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Mattapoisett Planning Board 4/23, 4/30

TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Thursday, May 14, 2015 at 6:30pm in the Town Hall on a Request for Determination of Applicability submitted by Audrey B. Andrews, 4 Parker Street, Mattapoisett, MA 02739.

The applicant requests approval of the septic repair plan. The project is located at 4 Parker Street, and is further identified as Lot 139 on Assessor Map 17. 4/23

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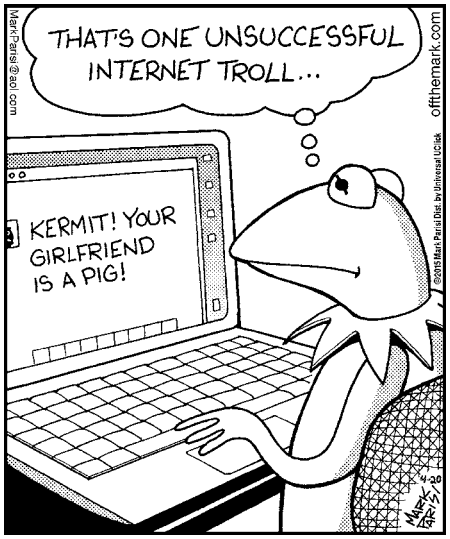

Commission's available seat.

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Key Dates to Remember:
Candidates' Night - April 29
Town Meeting - May 11
Town Elections - May 15

For further information, please contact Nan Johnson at 508-748-0046. Sponsored by the MMR League of Women Voters.

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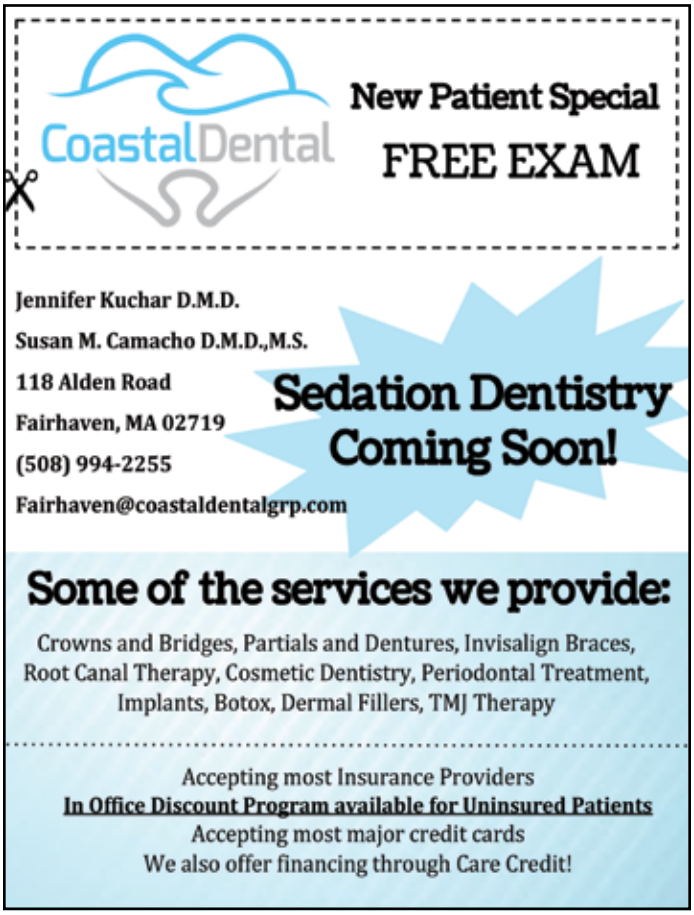
Champion Tree Challenge for Families

Spring is finally here and vacation is around the corner! If you are looking for a fun outdoor activity for your family over break, the Elizabeth Taber Library and the Sippican Lands Trust have the perfect challenge for you. How about trying to locate some "Champion Tree" species found in Marion's open spaces?!

The Elizabeth Taber Library, through federal funds provided by the Institute of Museum and Library Services and administered by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners, is offering a program called "My Own Backyard" or "MOBY." This is an outdoor science program for children and their families. The challenge to locate "Champion Tree" species is one offering within this program.

You simply head to the library, grab a pre-stocked loaner backpack and head out into the woods with your Sippican Lands Trust property map and the form explaining how to measure trees in order to nominate



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For more information, please contact Rosemary Grey, the Children's Librarian at the Elizabeth Taber Library, at 508-748-1252 or Robin Shields, the Executive Director of the Sippican Lands Trust, at 508-748-3080 or info@sippicanlandstrust.org.

Alewives Anonymous Chowder Supper

Alewives Anonymous, Inc. (AA) will host its annual meeting and quahog chowder supper for members, guests and others interested in the world of alewives (herring) on Sunday, **April 26** at 5:00 pm to be held at the Rochester Grange Hall, 205 Hartley Road, Rochester. Guest speakers will be Mr. David Lawrence and Mr. Gifford Lawrence, who will present a program about The Searching for Dropped Deer Antlers and all about them.

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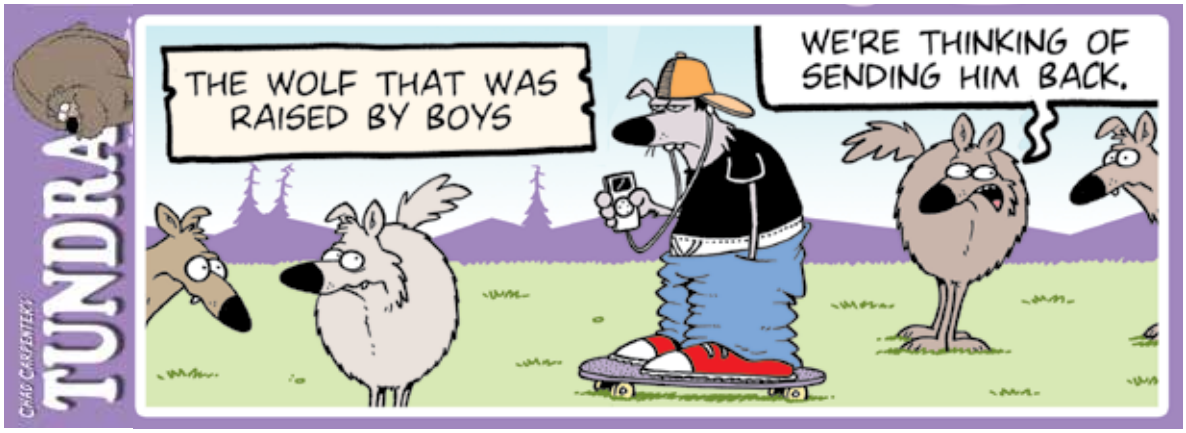

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Make no bones about it, this year's fair will feature fun events, such as Tractor Pulling, Woodsman Show Competitions, Pie Eating and Pie Bake Off Contests, dinosaur dig hunt, Pebbles & Bam Bam Contest, and the return of the Buana Iguana Reptile Show. The Fair Committee is also working to bring a Highland Games Exhibition as well as Vyntyge Skynyrd, New England's Tribute band that captures the musical fire and soul of Lynyrd Skynyrd.

"We're all excited to continue to bring new and entertaining events to the fair and are incredibly thankful for all of the support we've received," said Julie Koczera, co-chair of the Rochester Country Fair Committee.

Co-Chair David Souza added, "I am looking forward to bringing together the community and offering exciting new events."

The Rochester Country Fair is completely funded through the generous donations of local residents and businesses, advertising through ad and banner placements, and fundraising events throughout the year.

Requests for advertisements must be received by May 22 for inclusion in the fair program book. There are several tiers of budget-friendly advertising placement available to purchase. Email the Rochester Country Fair Committee at rochestercountryfair@comcast.net for further information.

About Rochester Country Fair: The Rochester Country Fair Committee was founded in 1999 by a small group of Rochester residents – Dianne Wood, Julie Koczera, Arthur Westgate, Chris Faustino, Duffy Clapp, Pat Lafleur, Slim Bernier, and John Lafleur – to celebrate a Millennium Celebration. Completely funded by fundraising events and donations, the Rochester Country Fair has since flourished into an annual, family celebration held at the Pine Street Fairgrounds in Rochester, Mass.

Tarot for Tabbies

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For more information, visit www.marionrecreation.com or contact Marion Recreation at 774-217-8355 or info@marionrecreation.com. Hope to see you there!

Mattapoisett Transfer Station Hours

The transfer hours will be Tuesday through Saturday 8:00 am - 3:00 pm beginning April 7.

Rochester Women's Club

The Rochester Women's Club is having a paint party for children ages five and up on Saturday, **May 2** from 10:00 am - 12:15 pm. This event is a fundraiser for the Raymond C. Hartley Scholarship Fund. Juice and pastries will be served, followed by a painting party with Amy King of King Designs. Amy will take the children step by step through to the finished product. They will bring home their own personally-painted canvas just in time for Mother's Day. The cost of this event is $35; everything is included. Space and tickets are limited. Payment is required with reservations. Please call Marsha at 508-322-0998 to reserve your child's space.

50th Anniversary Spring Concert

The Sippican Choral Society, in conjunction with the Tri-County Symphonic Band, presents "Golden Anniversary Memories" for its 50th Anniversary Spring Concert. The concert will be in the Fireman Performing Arts Center in Hoyt Hall at Tabor Academy on Sunday, **April 26** at 3:00 pm.

It is fitting that the chorus is singing with the Tri-County Symphonic Band because in 1965, John Pandolfi, the band's director and founder, invited 35 singers from Marion and surrounding towns to sing with the band, with the understanding that the group form its own chorus and continue on its own.

The "Regional Civic Chorus," as it was first known, was directed by Xavan Mazmanian, a music teacher at Old Rochester Regional, with Thelma Ostenfeld as accompanist. Shirley Cowell was its first President. Much credit goes to those two women for the chorus's beginnings and early success.

One of the songs the chorus sang in that first concert was the spiritual "Ride the Chariot," and this year, the audience will hear it again – along with 10 other of the chorus's favorite and most popular pieces from past concerts. Among those are "The Heavens are Telling" from Haydn's The Creation; "How Can I Keep from Singing," the Quaker hymn arranged by Bradley Ellington; Felix Mendelssohn's "Da Nobis Pacem"; a beautiful arrangement of the spiritual "Kumbaya," arranged by Paul Sjolund; and John Newton's "Amazing Grace," exquisitely arranged by Keith McCutchen.

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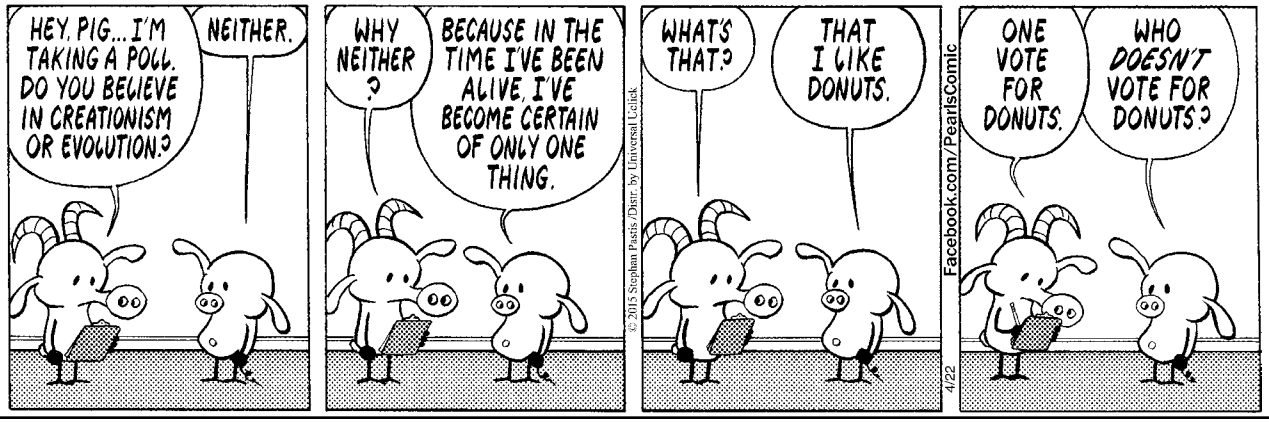

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Band on several pieces as well, including the Chorus of the Gypsies' "Anvil Chorus," from Verdi's Il Trovatore; "Lacrymosa," from Mozart's Requiem (K.626); and the "Triumphal March" from Verdi's Aida.

Tickets for the concert are $15 each ($7 for children under 18), and are available at The Bookstall in Marion, the Symphony Shop in Dartmouth, Euro in Fairhaven, No Kidding at The Ropewalk in Mattapoisett, and from chorus and band members.

The Sippican Choral Society has been performing at least two concerts every year for over 50 years. Under the direction of Brian Roderick for the past 11 years, and with Michelle Gordon of Mattapoisett as the chorus's brilliant accompanist, the chorus has presented well over 150 concerts of classical and popular music throughout the Southcoast, Plymouth, and the Boston area.

Doors will open at 2:30 pm for the 3:00 pm concert, and the venue is wheelchair accessible. A special 50th Anniversary reception will follow the concert in the lobby of Hoyt Hall, to which all are invited to attend.

For further information about this concert, please contact Peter McDonald at 508-748-0286.

Earth Day at the Rochester Women's Club

On Saturday, **April 25** the Rochester Women's Club will sponsor its annual town-wide, roadside clean-up. Local civic organizations, as well as all residents, are encouraged to join in this event. The Women's Club will supply large trash bags and rubber gloves for everyone who wants to help. Our event takes place from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm. Stop by the clubhouse at 37 Marion Road to pick up your supplies and your street assignments. Everyone is welcome to clean their own street if they prefer. We are keeping a tally of the roads that need our attention most. Filled bags can be left on the side of the road, and the Rochester Highway Department will pick up the bags during the following week. Children must be supervised.

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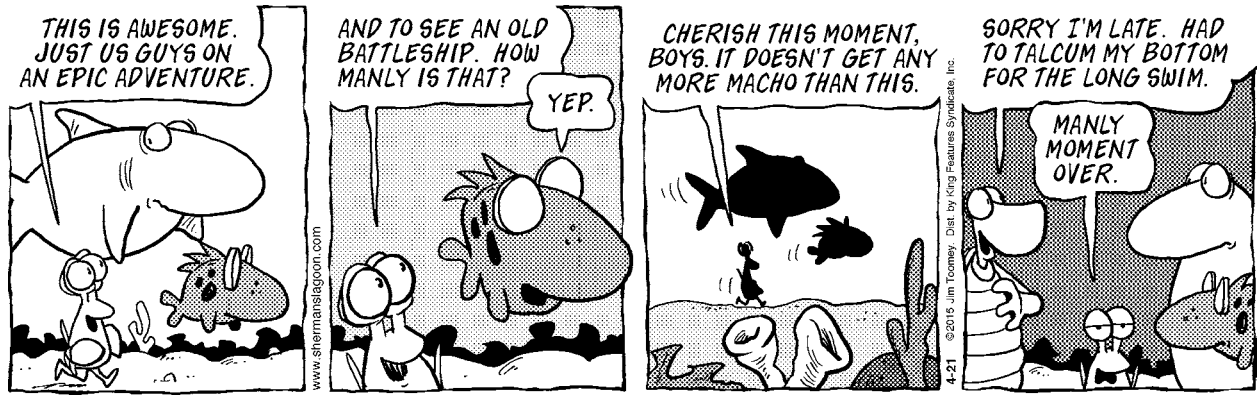

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The Marion, Mattapoisett and Rochester Boards of Health are pleased to announce that they will sponsor a talk on deer ticks: "One Bite Can Change Your Life…" with Larry Dapsis, Entomologist. Mr. Dapsis joined the Cape Cod Cooperative Extension in 2011 as Deer Tick Project Coordinator and Entomologist and is a member of the Barnstable County Task Force on Lyme and other Tick-Borne Diseases.

The event will be held Thursday, **April 30** at 6:30 pm at Marion's Sippican School, 16 Spring Street. Parking is available at rear of school in Park Street lot.

Lyme disease is the most prevalent, infectious disease in Massachusetts and is now considered to be a public health crisis. In addition to Lyme, deer ticks can carry the pathogens which cause Babesiosis and Anaplasmosis. Babesiosis and Anaplasmosis are serious tick-borne illnesses. Marion and Rochester have seen a significant increase in the number of cases of Babesiosis in the last two years. Prevention is the key to stopping this progression of serious tick-borne illnesses.

This program will review the basic life cycle and ecology of deer ticks, incidence rates and distribution of tick-borne illnesses in addition to a database under development on infection rates of ticks.

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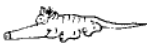

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3. Flaunt; 4. Simple

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Saturday	April 25:	1:52	2:21	7:52	7:22
Sunday	April 26:	2:47	3:17	9:19	8:44
Monday	April 27:	3:43	4:14	10:09	10:04
Tuesday	April 28:	4:42	5:10	10:46	10:59
Wednesday	April 29:	5:36	6:00	11:19	11:44
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Saturday	May 2:	7:37	7:55	1:05	1:03
Sunday	May 3:	8:13	8:30	1:46	1:39
Monday	May 4:	8:51	9:07	2:25	2:16
Tuesday	May 5:	9:31	9:47	3:05	2:54
Wednesday	May 6:	10:13	10:29	3:41	3:31
Thursday	May 7:	10:59	11:16	4:18	4:12
Friday	May 8:	11:49	. . .	4:57	4:55
Saturday	May 9:	12:08	12:43	5:41	5:46
Sunday	May 10:	1:04	1:39	6:34	6:47

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	Last Quarter	May 11th
	New Moon	May 18th

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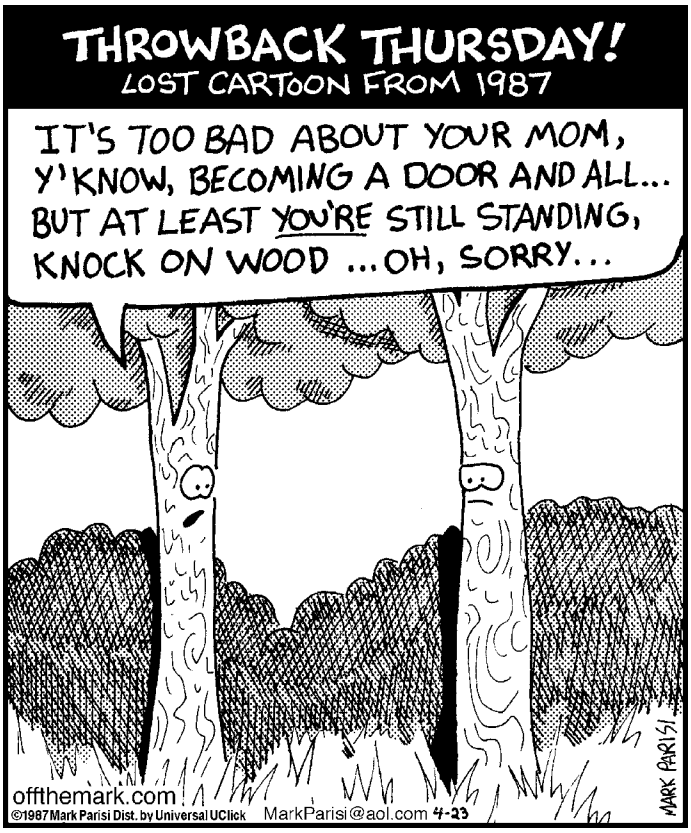

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